

P R O C L A M A T I O N
SUPPORTING AND STANDING IN SOLIDARITY
WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

WHEREAS, Ukraine has been a sovereign and independent state since August 24, 1991, upon its withdrawal from the collapsing former Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine adopted its constitution in 1996 and is home to 44 million citizens led by a popularly elected president; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Ukraine share common values, including freedom, democracy and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, the protection of civilians and human rights must be upheld; and

WHEREAS on February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation launched a brutal, unprovoked act of war by undertaking a full-scale invasion of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, this attack has been condemned throughout the world by international stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, this breach of international law by the Russian Federation has resulted in the deaths of hundreds of innocent civilians, has destroyed essential infrastructure, violated rights, and poses a threat to democracy; and

WHEREAS the City of Fort Bragg joins the international community in condemning this violence and honoring those who fight for freedom and an independent Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg also supports efforts by the California State legislature to divest the State resources from Russian based companies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jessica Morsell-Haye, Vice Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim our support for and solidarity with the people of Ukraine in their fight for freedom, commend them for their strength and courage, and urge all our citizens to support those fighting for democracy and freedom.

Signed this 11th day of April, 2022

JESSICA MORSELL-HAYE, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, MMC, City Clerk

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