## Proclamation

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## Support of the People of Ukraine\*

- **Whereas,** Ukraine proclaimed its independence from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.) on August 24, 1991, and has been a fully independent country since December 1991; and
- **Whereas**, Ukraine adopted its constitution in 1996, and is a fully independent country led by a president elected by popular vote; and
- **Whereas**, Ukraine is home to nearly 44 million people, and is the second largest country on the European continent; and
- **Thereas.** on February 24, 2022, Russian military forces began an unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, resulting in the destruction of cities and towns, and thousands of civilian casualties; and
- **Thereas.** the people of Ukraine have been caught in the middle of this invasion, creating millions of external refugees, and millions of internally displaced persons in need of urgent humanitarian assistance; and
- **Whereas**, the City of Alameda condemns the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine and urges the United States government and our allies to use every diplomatic tool to bring an end to the conflict.
- **Row, therefore, be it resolved,** that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby ask the residents of Alameda, California to join us in expressing support for the people of Ukraine, and, if you are able, to make donations to organizations helping the people of Ukraine.
- **Now, therefore, be it further resolved**, that the City of Alameda stands with the people of Ukraine.

Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft Mayor

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May 3, 2022

\*Inspired by Proclamations from the Cities of Madison, Wisconsin and Tualatin, Oregon