## Proclamation

Declaring Tualatin's Support for Ukraine and Condemning Russia's Aggression

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 is home to nearly 44 million people and is the second largest country on the European continent; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine adopted its constitution in 1996, and is a unitary republic led by a president elected by popular vote; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine is a nation rich in natural resources with a market economy, known to be a high-tech industrial base as well as having strong agricultural production; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Russia launched an unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, shattering decades-long peace in Europe; and

WHEREAS, initial reports of Ukrainian military and civilian casualties already have surpassed 100 with hundreds more wounded as Russian attacks continue; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tualatin join in offering whatever support can be provided to our Ukrainian friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of Russia has engaged in a direct and intentional violation of human rights and should be held responsible for the loss of human life and loss of property resulting from this truly reprehensible act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of the City of Tualatin stands with all who are experiencing very difficult situations because of this illegal action and we join other City Councils across Washington County and indeed, across Oregon and the United States of America in condemning Russia's aggression. Our thoughts are with Ukraine, its citizens, and Ukrainian-Americans.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of February, 2022.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON
<sub>BY</sub> Frank Bubenik
Mayor
ATTEST:
<sub>BY</sub> Sherilyn Lombos
City Recorder