

RESOLUTION NO. 22-

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING AN INDEPENDENT AND DEMOCRATIC UKRAINE AND CONDEMNING THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF THE COUNTRY OF UKRAINE

WHEREAS, on August 24, 1991, the elected Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine declared the independence of Ukraine from the Soviet Union with an overwhelming majority vote; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1991, more than 90 percent of Ukrainian citizens voted in a national referendum in support of independence, with majorities in every region; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2014, the Russian Federation invaded the independent state of Ukraine, which continues to confront aggressive Russian activity, including the ongoing illegal annexation of Crimea, conflict in the Donbas region, and threats to freedom of navigation in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov; and

WHEREAS, Russia began an invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, in an escalation of the Russo-Ukrainian War that began in 2014 and is the largest conventional military attack in Europe since World War II; and

WHEREAS, the Russian invasion of Ukraine has and will result in the death of both Ukrainian and Russian military personnel, civilians and the displacement of millions of people creating one of the largest humanitarian crisis in Europe since World War II.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes California condemns the illegal military invasion of the independent state of Ukraine by the Russian Federation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council commends the courage, resolve, and actions taken by the Ukrainian people in the pursuit and fight to retain their sovereignty as an independent state and pays tribute to the many men and women who have and are giving their lives in pursuit of a free and democratic Ukraine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council expresses overwhelming concern for the Ukrainian people who have been forced to flee their homes by the thousands in response to Russia's unprovoked military aggression against the people of Ukraine; and with the world witnessing a mounting humanitarian disaster as civilians attempt to leave the country for safety and refuge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED with the world witnessing a mounting humanitarian disaster as civilians attempt to leave the country for safety and refuge that the Town Council encourages our residents to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers and to consider ways through trusted resources to provide support for the people of Ukraine.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 16TH day of March 2022.

LYNDA SALCIDO, Mayor

ATTEST:

JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk