

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT of GREATER CHICAGO RESOLUTION

SPONSORED *by the* BOARD of COMMISSIONERS EXPRESSING SUPPORT *for*

UKRAINE

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced in a televised press conference that a “special military operation” was underway. Simultaneous with this announcement, and while the United Nations Security Council was holding an emergency meeting on the Russia-Ukraine crisis, explosions were heard throughout the country of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, this unprovoked attack on Ukraine, while not completely unexpected, threatens the stability of the European continent and the security of the world. It is the largest military action to take place on the continent since the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that the history of current discord between Russia and Ukraine dates back to the Russian Revolution of 1917. After the Russian Empire was overthrown in February of that year, the momentum for Ukraine’s independence began to grow. While Ukraine eventually became a wholly independent country on August 24, 1991, Russia has never completely recognized its sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, in support of the Ukrainian government and its people, numerous countries including the United States have expressed disappointment in and condemned Russia’s attack and levied heavy financial sanctions designed to stifle Russia’s economy and cripple Russian civilian support; and

WHEREAS, additionally, many of those same countries have pledged to provide military and humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian people to encourage their continued resistance in the fight to protect their independence; and

WHEREAS, Russia’s military action in Ukraine has already caused immense devastation and casualties of soldiers and civilians. Moreover, the offensive has resulted in large scale amounts of damage and destruction in Ukrainian cities and villages; and

WHEREAS, freedom is one of the fundamental principles on which democracy is founded. Any action designed to eradicate one’s right to freedom is not only an affront to that populace, but it is also a threat to the balance that keeps the world safe; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, on behalf of ourselves and our staff, do hereby express support for Ukraine; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.



DATED THIS 3rd DAY of MARCH, 2022.

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