



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin launched an unprovoked military assault on its neighboring country of Ukraine, a sovereign democratic nation; and

WHEREAS, while the ongoing assault has been met with strong resistance from the Ukrainian military and armed civilians, Russian military attacks on residential areas of Ukraine have forced the evacuation of millions of civilians to neighboring countries; and

WHEREAS, the United States has joined nations around the globe in issuing strong condemnations of Putin's aggression and have mobilized to provide both military and humanitarian aid; and

WHEREAS, with the attention of the world turned to the horrific events unfolding throughout his city and country, Vital Klitschko, mayor of Ukraine's capital City of Kyiv, participated in a virtual discussion among United States Conference of Mayors leaders during the March 3 opening session of their 2022 Winter Leadership Meeting; and

WHEREAS, during their discussion, Mayor Klitschko stressed that unity among Ukraine's allies during this harrowing time is critical, called for both political pressure and economic sanctions on Russia, and made a plea for additional defensive weapons to arm those fighting to protect his country; and

WHEREAS, American mayors in cities across the nation continue to be inspired by the resolve of Ukrainian citizens and leaders, and remain committed to helping the people of Ukraine in any way they can.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Councilmembers of Charleston, in City Council assembled, on behalf of ourselves and all our citizens that we stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people as they continue the noble fight to defend their sovereign nation, its democratic values and their very lives.

John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor