

Resolution No. 235-2022

By Council Members Polensek, Harsh, Griffin, McCormack, Conwell, Spencer, Maurer, Bishop, Gray, Hairston, Howse, Jones, Kazy, Mooney, Santana, Slife, Starr

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Strongly condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine, denouncing Vladimir Putin's years-long aggression against this sovereign country, supporting Ukraine and the Ukrainian people, and encouraging the US and its partners to continue the exceptionally strong sanctions against Russia.

FOR ADOPTION
February 28, 2022

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, after months of troop and tank buildups, Russia began shelling and rocket attacks on several major cities in Ukraine, including its capital, Kyiv; and

WHEREAS, these Russian troops have met with strong and courageous opposition from the Ukrainian military and citizen-resistance; and

WHEREAS, Russian President Vladimir Putin has long sought to control Ukraine after the fall of the Soviet Union and more currently after many countries in Eastern and Central Europe, once part of the Soviet bloc, proceeded toward democratic governments and joined alliances with western European nations; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine has been at war with Russia since 2014, when Putin invaded the Crimea region of Ukraine after its pro-Russian president was ousted; several other regions in Ukraine are controlled by separatist forces backed by Putin who have waged protracted fighting against the Ukrainian military; Putin refuses to acknowledge Ukraine as a sovereign nation; and

WHEREAS, over the last two days, the US and its Western European allies have announced strong measures that undoubtedly will cause Moscow to suffer economically even as it struggles to tame Ukraine militarily: from new weapons transfers to anti-corruption punishments to powerful sanctions on Russian banks to the shutting of the European Union's airspace to Russian flights; and

WHEREAS, this Council stands with President Zelenskyy who has stated "I am pleased even more allies have come forward with defensive and humanitarian aid. We must stand with the Ukrainian people as they defend their country and democracies everywhere"; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council strongly condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine, denounces Vladimir Putin's years-long aggression against this sovereign country, supporting Ukraine and the Ukrainian people, and encourages the US and its partners to continue the exceptionally strong sanctions against Russia.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to President Joe Biden and all members of the United States Congress.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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**REPORT
after second Reading**

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