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IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

On February 24, 2022, Russia began what the G7 called a “large-scale military aggression ... against the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.” The day after the beginning of this war, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization called on Russia “to turn back from the path of violence and aggression.” Instead, Russia has continued and intensified their attacks on Ukraine.

The United States, in partnership with France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, Canada, and more, implemented coordinated economic sanctions, including severe restriction, against Russia’s Central Bank and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The people of Ukraine have shown their resilience and bravery in the face of these acts of Russian aggression in their sovereign country. Ukrainians have stepped up to serve their country and taken to the streets to demonstrate their independence. They have fought against this unprovoked attack by Russian forces and shown the world how to stand up to tyranny.

Ukraine is a democratic peaceful and sovereign country under threat from an authoritarian regime. Ukrainian political leaders and citizens have asked for continued support from countries and communities around the world. Ukraine has called for those who share their values of freedom, independence, and justice to support their cause with humanitarian and financial support for their country and its people.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors stands proudly and firmly behind the Ukrainian people in their fight against Russian aggression and oppression.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports and welcomes refugees from Ukraine, as well as Russian nationals fleeing from Vladmir Putin's repressive government, to resettle here in Dane County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes that Vladimir Putin's government is not representative of the Russian people, and the Dane County Board of Supervisors opposes any form of discrimination based on ethnicity or national origin, including discrimination against people of Russian ethnicity or national origin, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage the people of Dane County to join us in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and consider ways to help them such as supporting organizations that provide direct humanitarian aid.