

RESOLUTION R2022 - 17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH, DENOUNCING RUSSIA'S UNJUSTIFIED INVASION OF UKRAINE. CALLING UPON THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO CEASE FIRE AND VACATE THE SOVEREIGN TERRITORY OF UKRAINE AND URGE THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND RESTORE PEACE IN EUROPE.

WHEREAS, on January 21, 1990, more than 300,000 Ukrainians called for unity and independence from the Soviet Union by forming a human chain between the cities of Kyiv and Ivano-Frankivsk; and

WHEREAS, after years of oppression, in 1991, Ukraine won freedom from the Soviet Union's totalitarian dictatorship because of the Ukrainians' love of liberty; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 1994, Ukraine was the first member state of the Commonwealth of Independent States to join the Partnership for Peace program of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and has since deepened its relationship with NATO, recognized as an Enhanced Opportunities Partner; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 1994, in an effort to solidify security commitments to Ukraine in return for its nuclear disarmament, the United States, the Russian Federation, and the United Kingdom signed the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances, whereby each country pledged to respect the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine's borders while refraining from the threat or use of force against Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, over the past three decades, the Russian Federation has illegally seized Ukrainian land in Crimea, armed Russian-backed separatists leading to thousands of deaths, interfered in elections, used chemical weapons to attempt assassinations, carried out cyberattacks and disinformation campaigns abroad, and violated international arms control agreements; and

WHEREAS, at least 14,000 Ukrainians have been killed defending their homeland and millions more displaced since the conflict with Russia began; and

WHEREAS, in March and November 2021, the Russian Federation deployed a massive troop and weapons buildup on the border with Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2022, the Russian military began a brutal assault on the people of Ukraine without provocation, justification, or necessity; and

WHEREAS, this invasion was premeditated and planned by the Russian Federation, namely its President Vladimir Putin, for months; and

WHEREAS, the Russian Federation has rejected every good-faith effort the United States and its allies and partners made to address concerns through dialogue to avoid needless conflict and avert human suffering; and

WHEREAS, to attempt to justify its invasion, the Russian Federation has made outlandish and baseless claims about Ukraine without any evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Russian Federation has flagrantly violated international law in attempting to unilaterally create two new so-called republics on sovereign Ukrainian territory; and

WHEREAS, lasting peace and prosperity require respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of countries and respect for human rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH: Commends the courage, resolve, and restraint shown by the Ukrainian people in their pursuit of sovereignty and democracy, and pays tribute to the many men and women who gave their lives in pursuit of a free and democratic Ukraine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Mayor and City Council with the City of South Jordan strongly denounce Russia's unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine and call upon the Russian Federation to immediately cease fire and vacate all areas of the sovereign territory of Ukraine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mayor and City Council with the City of South Jordan support and stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and Ukraine's fight to defend its sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the freedom of its citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mayor and City Council urge the United States federal government and its allies to take substantive action to punish the Russian Federation for its evil actions and restore peace in Europe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mayor and City Council urge the United States federal government and its allies to provide humanitarian relief to those suffering in Ukraine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mayor and City Council encourage unity among NATO allies and the broader transatlantic community to convey solidarity in response to Russia's unprovoked military aggression against Ukraine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mayor and City Council urge the United States federal government and its allies to take every appropriate action to be energy and mineral independent.

**APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH,
ON THIS 15 DAY OF March, 2022 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Patrick Harris	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Bradley Marlor	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Donald Shelton	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Tamara Zander	___	___	___	<u>X</u>
Jason McGuire	<u>X</u>	___	___	___

Mayor: *Patrick Harris*
Mayor Pro Tempore - **Patrick Harris**

Attest: *Anna Crawford*
City Recorder

Approved as to form:

Rae W. Jorde
Office of the City Attorney

