

Town of La Conner



RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1991, more than 90 percent of Ukrainian citizens voted in a national referendum in support of independence; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2014, Russian soldiers or separatist fighters shot down passenger flight MH17 flying over the Donbas with a surface-to-air missile provided by the Russian Federation, killing all 298 innocent passengers on board; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2022, the United States Senate passed a resolution in a resounding show of bipartisan support for Ukraine against Russian aggression; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Russian forces launched a massive and unprovoked military assault on the peaceful, independent nation of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, the continuing assault has been met by the strong resistance of the Ukrainian military joined by Ukrainian citizens demonstrating extraordinary bravery in the face of peril; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2022 the United States House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved a resolution “steadfastly, staunchly, proudly and fervently” in support of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, Russian attacks on nonmilitary, residential areas of Ukraine’s cities have forced the evacuation of millions of civilians to neighboring countries; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives explicitly concluded that Russian forces have targeted civilians and have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity; and

WHEREAS, in the days since the full-scale invasion began, Russian citizens have taken to the streets in cities and towns across Russia to protest Putin’s illegitimate and destructive war waged against a peaceful and sovereign Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, all free people continue to be inspired by the resolve demonstrated by Ukrainian citizens and their leaders;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA CONNER that the residents of the Town of La Conner stand steadfastly, staunchly, proudly, and fervently with the Ukrainian people in the defense of their sovereign nation, its democratic values, and their very lives in their fight against the authoritarian Putin regime;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the La Conner Town Council supports the right of the Russian people to protest, including the current protests against Putin’s unprovoked war against Ukraine;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council comprehends that dictators and authoritarians are watching the world’s response to Putin’s war against Ukraine and learning lessons for their own aggressive actions, thereby making a united response important to deter the expansion of territory by the use of military force beyond this crisis;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council pledges that La Conner will take every action necessary to ensure that people of Russian origin will not be ostracized or discriminated against in any way as a result of the violent assault on Ukraine by the Putin regime.

Adopted by vote of the La Conner Town Council this 8th day of March, 2022.

Mayor Ramon Hayes

Attest:

Maria DeGoede, Finance Director

Approved as to form:

Scott Thomas, Town Attorney