

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the people of Ukraine gained their independence from Soviet Russia in 1991, when more than 90 percent of Ukrainian citizens voted in a national referendum in support of independence; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine is home to more than 44 million people, governed by a democratically elected government; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Russian forces launched an unprovoked full-scale and renewed invasion of Ukraine, an independent and peaceful country; and

WHEREAS, the attack has resulted in loss of life, destruction of critical infrastructure, and irreparable damage to Ukrainian cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the United States has condemned this unprovoked and unjustified attack, and reassured that it supports all actions taken by the Ukrainian military and all those involved in defending Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, like others around the globe, we are horrified at the loss of life and displacement of Ukrainians as the invasion and assault on Ukraine continues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn recognizes all those who are fighting for freedom and democracy in Ukraine and all of the casualties and sacrifices that are being made by those in Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, we are grateful for the efforts of Ukraine's neighbors who are welcoming and assisting millions of refugees being forced to flee from their homes and we join others wishing for a swift end to the senseless Russian-provoked violence and needless loss of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim solidarity with the people of Ukraine in their fight for freedom. I commend them for their strength, courage, and perseverance and urge everyone to stand with the people of Ukraine as they bravely defend their country, their freedom, and their lives.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 28th day of March 2022.

