

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, previously ruled by the Soviet Union, Ukraine gained sovereignty in 1991 in pursuit of a true democracy allowing for freedom of religion, speech, and cultivating their rich culture, and denial of the statehood of modern Ukraine by Russia's elites has inhibited the citizens of Ukraine the ability to fully embrace their position in the global world; and

WHEREAS, on February 23rd 2022, Russian President Putin launched a full scale attack on the Ukrainian government and democracy itself forcing hundreds of thousands to flee their homes, communities, and families in order to seek refuge in other nations, and friends of Ukraine, the US condemns this blatant violation of international law calling this action "Unprovoked and Unjustified" reassuring their support for all actions taken by the Ukrainian military and all those involved; and

WHEREAS, Spokane is home to 30,000 Ukrainian Americans who bring with them their beautiful culture and strengthen our diverse community, and many have come to Spokane as immigrants and been welcomed with open arms into our city despite having left religious persecution in the Soviet Union, and while they have aided in our economy, public service, and helped our city flourish into a diverse and beautiful city in Eastern Washington:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby stand in solidarity with our Slavic community and the brave citizens in both Russia and Ukraine who are standing up against this brutal assault on democracy. We recognize the sacrifice from all those involved and the sacrifice of all the troops, and we hold those who are casualties of this violence close in our hearts. We hold dear your families, cities, and homes effected by this atrocity and stand with the people of a free and democratic Ukraine.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
27th day of February 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward

