

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

WHEREAS, On February 24th, 2022, the Republic of Ukraine was suddenly and deliberately attacked by ground, naval and air forces of the Russian Federation without legitimate pretext and in flagrant violation of international law; and

WHEREAS, Russian President Vladimir Putin has expressed a desire to destroy Ukrainian statehood and Ukrainian identity, as evidenced by the deliberate targeting of Ukrainian civilians, the razing of Ukrainian cultural sights and the obliteration of Ukrainian cities, actions which constitute crimes against peace and crimes against humanity according to the United Nations and the International Criminal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Russian war of conquest has already caused the deaths of thousands of people, the destruction of billions of dollars in public and private property, and has displaced millions of ordinary Ukrainians who have been forced to flee to neighboring countries as refugees; and

WHEREAS, the heroic resistance of the Ukrainian people against criminal Russian imperialism brings to mind Stamford's own historical resistance against British imperialism during the War of Independence; and

WHEREAS, since 1956, Stamford has been the seat of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy and the home of St. Basil College Seminary, which has trained over 100 students to join the Ukrainian Catholic priesthood. Stamford's large Ukrainian-American community has had an enormous impact on the life and culture of our vibrant city.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 31st Board of Representatives wholly and unequivocally condemns the lawless and criminal invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, calls upon the Russian people to resist the regime of Vladimir Putin, pledges to support our local Ukrainian-American community in Stamford and calls upon our Congressional delegation to do all in its power to ensure the survival and prosperity of a completely free, independent and democratic Ukraine. слава україн.

*Approved by the 31st Board of Representatives
this 4th day of April, 2022*

Jeff Curtis, President

Megan Cottrell, Clerk