

RESOLUTION NO. 22-10

A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE AND URGE THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO JOIN TOGETHER IN FINDING A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THIS CRISIS.

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park, Georgia has had the high honor of hosting two Ukrainian delegations to the United States in the last two years;

WHEREAS, the hosting of the Ukrainian delegations has established a new and growing friendship between Ukraine and the City of Forest Park;

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a "special military operation" in Ukraine;

WHEREAS, soon after, the Russian military launched a full-scale invasion of its neighbor, including sending troops into the country and bombing major cities;

WHEREAS, this invasion has already caused needless anguish and loss of life;

WHEREAS, Ukrainian soldiers have been killed or wounded, and thousands of refugees have fled to neighboring countries to escape the bloodshed;

WHEREAS, the current war in Ukraine is especially distressing to the City of Forest Park in light of its friendship with the Ukrainian government;

WHEREAS, the extraordinary leadership of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the bravery and heroism of the people of Ukraine serve as an inspiration to the entire world;

WHEREAS, the attack on Ukraine is unprovoked and demonstrates a blatant violation of the international law;

WHEREAS, Russia has previously committed to respect the independence and sovereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine and to refrain from the threat or use of force against Ukraine;

WHEREAS, President Putin has continued to demonstrate a dangerous disregard for international law and a chilling indifference to the unnecessary loss of human life including the lives of his own fellow Russian citizens;

WHEREAS, President Putin has threatened grave consequences for countries that interfere with Russia's goal and has ordered Russian nuclear forces on high alert; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that the world community remain united in our condemnation of such statements and actions that portend a global nuclear threat;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. Condemnation of War in Ukraine. The City of Forest Park hereby condemns the invasion of Ukraine by Russian in its highest possible terms and calls upon the Russian government to end this needless war. The City of Forest Park further calls upon the world community to stand with the people of Ukraine and their democratically elected government.

SECTION 2. Transmission of Resolution. Copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the President of Ukraine and the President of the Russian Federation through their respective embassies in Washington, D.C. and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

SECTION 3. Public Record. This document shall be maintained as a public record by the City Clerk and shall be accessible to the public during all normal business hours of the City of Forest Park.

SECTION 4. Authorization of Execution. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents, including the contract with such changes and modifications as recommended by the City Attorney, necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

SECTION 5. Attestation. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Forest Park as provided in the City Charter.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

SO RESOLVED this 7th day of March 2022.

Mayor Angelyne Butler

Council Member Kimberly James, Ward 1

Council Member Dabouze Antoine, Ward 2

Council Member Hector Gutierrez, Ward 3

Council Member Latresa Wells, Ward 4

Council Member Allan Mears, Ward 5

ATTEST:

_____ (SEAL)
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney