

RESOLUTION NO. R2022-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CONDEMNING THE UNPROVOKED INVASION OF THE SOVEREIGN NATION OF UKRAINE BY RUSSIA AND REQUESTING PRESIDENT BIDEN, GOVERNOR DESANTIS, AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO) TO PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE AND HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE AND TAKE SUCH STEPS AS ARE NECESSARY TO DEPRIVE THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT OF SOURCES OF FOREIGN MONIES; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the unprovoked invasion by Russia has violated every tenant of international law and basic morality; and

WHEREAS, the illegal invasion and indiscriminate bombing of innocent victims, and the destruction of ancient cities, villages, churches and monuments is an unspeakable crime against humanity; and

WHEREAS, the courageous retaliation efforts of the proud Ukrainian people deserve the help and cooperation of the United States, all NATO signatories, and the world at large; and

WHEREAS, it is the right of all countries to decide their own future, foreign policy, and security agreements free from outside interference or coercion; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission strongly urges Governor DeSantis to divest the \$300 Million Dollars that the State of Florida has invested in Russian companies; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission stands in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and condemns Vladimir Putin's acts of war and Russia's invasion of a free and democratic Ukraine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. Each of the above-stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Condemnation. That the City of North Miami Beach condemns in the strongest terms the illegal invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine.

Section 3. Support. The City Commission supports President Biden and all NATO nations in providing all possible assistance and humanitarian relief to the people of Ukraine and enacting such sanctions and other acts are necessary to punish the Russian government for its illegal and unwarranted invasion.

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Section 4. Divesting of Florida Funds. The City Commission strongly encourages Governor DeSantis and the Florida Legislature to divest the \$300 Million Dollars that the State of Florida has invested in Russian companies.

Section 5. Transmittal. The City Clerk is directed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, Governor DeSantis, Speaker of the House and President of the Senate in the Florida Legislature, Florida League of Cities, Miami-Dade League of Cities, and to Attorney Ashley Moody, c/o Johan M. Guard, The Capitol, PL-01, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, at its regular meeting assembled this **24th day of March, 2022.**

ATTEST:

ANDRISE BERNARD, MMC
CITY CLERK

ANTHONY F. DEFILLIPO
MAYOR

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM &
LANGUAGE & FOR EXECUTION

HANS OTTINOT
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

Sponsored by: Vice Mayor Fortuna Smukler