

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

## OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT FLYNN

- WHEREAS:** On August 24, 1991, Ukraine gained its independence after the dissolution of the USSR; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Last year, Ukraine celebrated the 30th anniversary of its independence with three days of events including a large military parade, and other festivities; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In February this year, we watched in horror the illegal and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by Russian military forces and Ukrainian refugees being forced to flee from their homeland; *and*
- WHEREAS:** We are all inspired by the patriotism of the Ukrainian people, with many bravely taking up arms to defend their country, including President Zelensky and Mayor Klitschko. We greatly admire the Ukrainian people's desire to continue to forge their own path of democracy; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Currently, there are over a million citizens living in the United States who are of Ukrainian descent, representing about 0.3% of the American population. In the City of Boston, residents of Ukrainian descent make up about 0.3% of our city's population as well; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The Ukrainian community enriches Boston by promoting and introducing their culture through different events and festivals. In recent months, we have seen the resiliency of the Ukrainian American community through the poignant display of Ukrainian flags and many efforts to organize donations and supplies. In these challenging times, we stand with Boston's Ukrainian community; *and therefore be it*
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council expresses its solidarity for the people of Ukraine and commits to providing Ukrainian American residents here in Boston our continued support, *and Be It Further*
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council celebrates Ukraine and its peoples' courageous and resilient spirit on the 31st anniversary of their Independence Day.

By: Edward M. Flynn  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: August 24, 2022