



## RESOLUTION NO. 22-03

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN INDEPENDENT AND DEMOCRATIC UKRAINE

**WHEREAS**, the people of Ukraine and River Forest have a shared love of freedom, independence, self-determination, and self-governance; and

**WHEREAS**, Ukraine declared its independence from the Soviet Union in August 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, Ukraine ratified its most recent constitution in June of 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, Ukraine is recognized as a democratic republic and is governed by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Prime minister Denys Shmyhal; and

**WHEREAS**, a threat to the sovereign borders of Ukraine is a threat to all Western Democracies; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a "special military operation" in Ukraine and soon thereafter the Russian military launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, including sending troops into the country and bombing major cities; and

**WHEREAS**, this unjustified invasion demonstrates a dangerous disregard for international law, a chilling indifference to the unnecessary loss of human life, and has caused over 1,000,000 people to flee from Ukraine to neighboring countries as refugees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of River Forest stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine in their fight against Russian oppression, aggression, and annexation.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Village President and Board of Trustees hereby recognize, honor, and indicate support for the fight for democracy and Ukrainian independence. As an expression of such commemoration and honor, and to demonstrate the Village's support for Ukrainian independence, Village staff are directed to fly the Ukrainian flag immediately below the River Forest flag on the Village flag pole outside of Village Hall for 31 days commencing on March 9, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy to the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington, DC.

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

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Catherine Adduci, Village President

**APPROVED** by me this 14<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2022.

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Jonathan Keller, Village Clerk