

Resolution in support of the people of Ukraine as they defend against Russia's attack.

AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, a massive military assault was launched by the Russian government on the sovereign democratic nation of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, the continuing assault has been met by the strong resistance of the Ukrainian military joined by armed civilians; and

WHEREAS, Russian attacks on nonmilitary, residential areas of Ukraine's cities have forced the evacuation of millions of civilians to neighboring countries; and

WHEREAS, the United States and other nations around the globe have issued strong condemnations of the Russian government's hostile action and have responded to Ukraine's appeal for both military and humanitarian aid; and

WHEREAS, America's cities have long-established sister city relationships with cities in Russia that should be maintained and strengthened to empower Russia's citizens to speak out in the cause of democracy and peace.

WHEREAS, sister-cities are not responsible for the actions of their federal governments and our sister-city relationship with Dubna, Russia has been positive and constructive for over 30 years based on the non-political people to people philosophy of President Dwight Eisenhower to promote peace through understanding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that the International Committee and the citizens of the City of La Crosse hereby stand with the Ukrainian people in the defense of their sovereign nation, its democratic values, and their very lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that La Crosse reaffirms its sister-city relationship with Dubna, Russia.