

Borough of Lansdowne
12 East Baltimore Avenue
Lansdowne, PA 19050

Resolution 2022-13

To Support the Freedom and Independence of the Ukrainian People

Whereas, on August 24, 1991, the elected Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine declared the independence of Ukraine from the Soviet Union with an overwhelming majority vote;

Whereas, on December 1, 1991, more than 90 percent of Ukrainian citizens voted in a national referendum in support of independence, with majorities in every region

Whereas, on February 8, 1994, Ukraine was the first member state of the Commonwealth of Independent States to join the Partnership for Peace program of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and has since deepened its relationship with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, recognized as an Enhanced Opportunities Partner;

Whereas, on November 22, 2004, Ukrainians peacefully took to the streets in protest of a fraudulent presidential election, beginning the Orange Revolution and resulting in new elections under free and fair conditions;

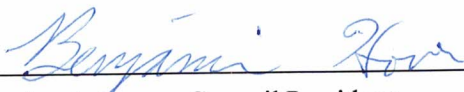
Whereas, on February 20, 2014, the Russian Federation invaded the independent state of Ukraine, which continues to confront malign Russian activity, including the ongoing illegal annexation of Crimea, conflict in the Donbas region, and threats to freedom of navigation in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov;

Whereas, on February 12, 2022, President Joseph R. Biden warned Russian President Vladimir Putin that the West “will respond decisively and impose swift and severe costs” if Russia further invades Ukraine; and

Whereas, on February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the invasion of Ukraine after a build up of military on the borders of Ukraine; and


Whereas, numerous resident of Lansdowne Borough have family members and friends in the Ukraine and the residents of Lansdowne Borough support the ideals of democratic participation

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Borough Council of Lansdowne and Mayor support the people of Ukraine in defending their independence and freedom from the invasion of Russian military forces; and Borough Council of Lansdowne and Mayor applaud our Senators and Representative in their support of the Bipartisan Resolution to condemn the invasion of Ukraine and urge the support of the Ukrainian people through sanctions on Russia and military support for the Ukrainian people.



Benjamin Hover, Council President

ATTEST:



Craig Totaro
Assistant Borough Secretary