



RESOLUTION NO. 40920

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS

2 A RESOLUTION expressing support for the City of Tacoma's Sister City in
3 Brovary, and all of Ukraine, and join our brothers and sisters in Ukraine in
4 calling for peace and an end to the conflict in their country.

5 WHEREAS there are thousands of Ukrainian-born immigrants living in
6 Tacoma and its suburbs who are concerned for the safety of their families in
7 various cities across Ukraine, and

8 WHEREAS Tacoma is an active participant in the Sister Cities program,
9 where the mission of Sister Cities is "to promote peace through mutual respect,
10 understanding, and cooperation one individual, one community at a time," and
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12 WHEREAS the late Pastor Peter Sayenko immigrated to Tacoma from
13 Brovary, founded the Slavic Christian Center, and was vital to building and
14 fostering the relationship between Tacoma and Brovary, including leading the
15 work to become sister cities, and

16 WHEREAS, in 2015, Tacoma received a letter of interest from Brovary
17 starting the process of becoming Sister Cities, and on August 8, 2017, Resolution
18 No. 39774 was adopted, creating a Sister City bond between the cities of Brovary
19 and Tacoma, and
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21 WHEREAS, in 2017, Brovary Mayor Igor Sapozhko visited Tacoma twice to
22 promote this relationship, and in partnership with the Slavic Christian Center and
23 the Brovary-Tacoma Sister City Committee, the cities have had ongoing youth
24 and economic exchanges, and
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WHEREAS, in 2019, the Sister City Committee raised funds to purchase and donate a surplus ambulance from the Tacoma Fire Department, and sent it from the Port of Tacoma to Germany, and

WHEREAS, in August 2019, City employee and Chair of the Tacoma-Brovary Sister City Committee, Stan Chain, traveled to Germany, drove the ambulance to his home country, and was joined by Mayor Victoria Woodards, Fire Chief Tory Green, and Tacoma Firefighters in Brovary to deliver this gift, and

WHEREAS Russia has launched an unprovoked and unjustified attack across Ukraine that has killed and injured many Ukrainian citizens, including multiple air strikes on our Sister City of Brovary, and

WHEREAS our Ukrainian communities here and abroad have the right to live their lives peacefully, and without fear and unnecessary pain, and

WHEREAS what affects one community affects us all; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA

Section 1. That the City of Tacoma declares its heartfelt support for its Sister City in Brovary and the people of Ukraine in this time of hardship, tragedy, and grief, and that we stand with them and wish for the safety for all of Ukraine's communities.

Section 2. That the City of Tacoma condemns Russia's unconscionable attacks and invasion of a sovereign nation, putting the people of both countries in the way of unnecessary harm.



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Section 3. That the City of Tacoma recognizes all that truly separates us as people is the distance of our countries, and joins our Ukrainian brothers and sisters, both here and abroad, in calling for peace and an end to the conflict in their country.

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Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney