

**CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO**

Resolution No. 2022- **25**

Introduced By: Mr. Sage Co-Sponsors: Mr. Bortolotto, Mr. Ali  
Mr. Meany, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Ference, Mr. Grech, *Mayor Matthew J. Castelli*

**A RESOLUTION  
IN SUPPORT OF THE UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY IN NORTHEAST OHIO  
AND RESIDENTS OF UKRAINE STANDING IN SOLIDARITY  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the people of Ukraine gained their independence from Soviet Russia in 1991, have built a democratic and pluralistic society, which allows for freedom of religion, speech and foster the growth of their rich culture allowing them to take their rightful place on the world stage; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2022, Russian forces under the direction of Vladimir Putin launched an invasion of Ukraine the likes of which we have not seen since World War II, killing thousands, and creating a crisis of a global scale, forcing hundreds of thousands of civilians to flee, and blatantly violating international law; and

WHEREAS, The United States has condemned this “unprovoked and unjustified” attack, and reassured that it supports all actions taken by the Ukrainian military and all those involved in defending Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, Greater Cleveland is home to the largest Ukrainian populations in Ohio, residents who bring with them their identity, work ethic and strengthen our diverse communities, many have come as immigrants or are descended from Ukrainian ancestors and have added to our economy, public service and continue to enhance Ohio’s cultural and social landscape and help our cities flourish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: We recognize all those who are fighting for freedom and democracy in Ukraine and all of the casualties and sacrifices that are being made by those in Ukraine; we hold dear in our hearts the families that have taken up arms for this just cause and stand with Ukraine while an atrocity is being committed on its homeland.

Section 2: That the Mayor and the Council, on behalf of all the residents of the City of Middleburg Heights, do hereby stand in solidarity with our Ukrainian

Communities and the brave citizens of Ukraine who are facing their "darkest hour" against the onslaught of the brutal armies of Russia.

Section 3: That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to Oksana Markarova, the Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States.

Section 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Chapter 107 of the Middleburg Heights Code and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5: That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of said City, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the ongoing unrest in our Ukraine Communities and the citizens of Ukraine. Wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of Council it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: 3-22-22

David Bortolotto  
President of Council

Attest: M Meala  
Clerk of Council

Approved On: 3-23-22

Presented to Mayor: 3-23-22

Matthew Casella  
Mayor

	Yea	Nay
Bortolotto	<u>X</u>	_____
Ali	<u>X</u>	_____
Sage	<u>X</u>	_____
Meany	<u>X</u>	_____
McGregor	<u>X</u>	_____
Ference	<u>X</u>	_____
Grech	<u>X</u>	_____

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Mary Ann Meala Clerk of Council of the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Res. 2022-25 passed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2022 by said Council.

Mary Ann Meala  
Clerk of Council

I, Mary Ann Meala Clerk of the Council of the City of Middleburg Hts., Ohio, hereby certify that Res. 2022-25 adopted by the Council of the City of Middleburg Hts., on 3/22/22 was posted for a period of fifteen days, beginning 3/25/22 and remained so posted for fifteen days at the two posting places as designated by Charter.  
Mary Ann Meala  
Clerk