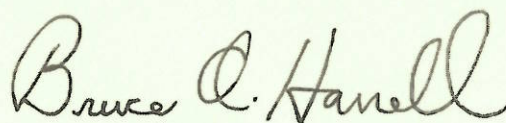


PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the 24th of February marks the first anniversary of Russia's unprovoked and unjust invasion of Ukraine; and
- WHEREAS, Russia has committed and continues to commit horrendous violations of human rights against the Ukrainian people by attacking civilian populations, committing torture as well as intentionally destroying civilian infrastructure such as hospitals, schools, and residential apartment buildings; and
- WHEREAS, Executive Order 2022-04, issued in March 2022, directed actions to support the Ukrainian community in various ways, including the provision of assistance for immigrants and refugees resettling in Seattle, among others; and
- WHEREAS, mayors from across King County came together to co-host the Mayors' Concert for Ukraine and Refugees Worldwide – featuring the Seattle Symphony and local Ukrainian artists – aimed at raising money to help Ukrainians in Europe and refugees in Seattle-King County; and
- WHEREAS, residents and businesses across Seattle and our region have taken a wide range of measures to demonstrate support for the Ukrainian people through financial and other creative means; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle stands in solidarity with our Ukrainian neighbors, Ukrainian migrants displaced by the invasion, and the people of Ukraine. Our hearts break for the innocent lives lost and irreparably harmed by this senseless military invasion, and we condemn – in the strongest possible terms – the Russian government's unprovoked aggression; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is committed to being a welcoming and inclusive city and is committed to taking all available steps to assist our Ukrainian friends and neighbors. The City urges all citizens of Seattle to stand in support of the Ukrainian people and their struggle to preserve their democracy.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRUCE A. HARRELL, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY
PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 24, 2023 TO BE*

Day of Solidarity with the People of Ukraine



Mayor Bruce A. Harrell
City of Seattle

