

**TOWN OF YARROW POINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 361**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN  
OF YARROW POINT, WASHINGTON, STRONGLY  
CONDEMNING THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE,  
DENOUNCING RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN'S  
YEAR-LONG AGGRESSION AGAINST THIS SOVEREIGN  
COUNTRY, SUPPORTING UKRAINE AND THE UKRAINIAN  
PEOPLE, AND ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES AND  
ITS PARTNERS TO CONTINUE THE EXCEPTIONALLY  
STRONG SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIA.**

**WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2022, after months of troop and tank buildups, Russia began shelling and rocket attacks on several major cities in Ukraine, including its capital, Kyiv; and

**WHEREAS**, these Russian troops have met with strong and courageous opposition from the Ukrainian military and citizen-resistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Russian President Vladimir Putin has long expressed ambitions to control Ukraine after the fall of the Soviet Union and more recently after many countries in Eastern and Central Europe, once part of the Soviet bloc, proceeded toward democratic governments and joined alliances with western European nations; and

**WHEREAS**, Ukraine has been at war with Russia since 2014, when Mr. Putin illegally annexed the Crimea region of Ukraine after it's pro-Russian president was ousted; two other regions in Ukraine are controlled by separatist forces backed by Mr. Putin, who have waged protracted fighting against the Ukrainian military; Mr. Putin refuses to acknowledge the inviolability of Ukraine's sovereign territory and the legitimacy of their democratically-elected leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last week, the United States and its Western European allies have announced strong measures that undoubtedly will cause Russia to suffer economically even as it struggles to tame Ukraine militarily: from new weapons transfers to anti-corruption punishments to powerful sanctions on Russian banks to the closing of the European Union's airspace to Russian flights; and

**WHEREAS**, residents and employees of the Town of Yarrow Point are directly and indirectly affected by this senseless war; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council stands with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy who has stated "I am pleased even more allies have come forward with defensive and humanitarian aid. We must stand with the Ukrainian people as they defend their country and democracies everywhere"; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

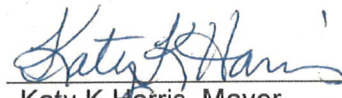
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YARROW POINT, WASHINGTON:**

Section 1. That this Council strongly condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine, denounces Vladimir Putin's years-long aggression against this sovereign country, supports Ukraine and the Ukrainian people, and encourages the United States and its partners to continue the exceptionally strong sanctions against Russia.

Section 2. That the Town of Yarrow Point Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to United States President Joe Biden, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee, and all members of the United States Congress including Washington State Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**Adopted by the Town Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.**

  
Katy K Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Bonnie Ritter, Town Clerk-Treasurer





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 10, 2022

Dear Town of Yarrow Point,

The prayers of the world are with the brave and proud people of Ukraine as they defend their country against an unprovoked and unjustified invasion by Russian military forces. Russian President Vladimir Putin has chosen a premeditated war that has already brought catastrophic loss of life and needless human suffering. Putin is the aggressor, and he must be held accountable. Throughout our history, we've learned this lesson: when dictators do not pay a price for their aggression, they cause more chaos.

The United States is leading the world with our allies and partners to respond in a united and decisive way. Russia's economy is reeling because of our powerful economic sanctions, and we are providing security, economic, and humanitarian support to the Ukrainians in their fight for freedom. With extraordinary unity and resolve, the world is clearly choosing the side of peace and security.

May God bless the people of a free and democratic Ukraine, and may God protect our troops.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Joe Biden", written over a diagonal line.