



WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa has been a Sister City with the City of Cherkasy, Ukraine since 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Santa Rosa and Cherkasy have developed deep and meaningful bonds of friendship through cultural exchanges of people of all ages; Santa Rosa and Cherkasy residents staying in each other's homes and sharing each other's lives; and

WHEREAS, American-Ukrainian relations have long served as an example and a foundation for security, freedom, the development of democracy, and human rights in Eastern Europe and across the globe; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine and the Ukrainian people represent a distinct culture with a long, proud history; and

WHEREAS, self-determination is the inalienable right of all people around the world, including the Ukrainian people; and

WHEREAS, a free and independent Ukraine is of vital importance to protecting the Ukrainian people, their history, culture, literature, music, traditions, language and art; and

WHEREAS, the Country of Ukraine is facing unprovoked, unrestrained, and unconscionable military aggression from the Russian Federation; and

WHEREAS, the Ukrainian people, their leadership and their President have shown the world what it is to lead from the front. The spirit, resolve, strength, fierce defiance and patriotism of the Ukrainian people are to be celebrated; and

WHEREAS, The City of Santa Rosa recognizes the horrors and the humanitarian crisis that this war has brought upon the Ukrainian people, including those in the City of Cherkasy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Chris Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby condemn the violation of Ukraine's sovereign nation borders, independence and territorial integrity, and oppose the unnecessary and tragic loss of life this unprovoked armed conflict has caused and affirm our support for our Sister City, Cherkasy, Ukraine, and the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

Mayor Chris Rogers
March 1, 2022