



# Proclamation of the Livingston City Commission

**WHEREAS**, Ukraine has been a sovereign and independent nation since August 24, 1991, upon its withdrawal from the collapsing former Soviet Union; and

**WHEREAS**, Ukraine is the second-largest European nation by landmass and is home to more than 41 million proud Ukrainian citizens with their own national history and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States' relationship with Ukraine serves as a cornerstone for security, democracy, and human rights in Ukraine and the broader region; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2022, at the direction of President Vladimir Putin, Russian forces began an unprovoked invasion of Ukraine in violation of international law; and

**WHEREAS**, Russian aggression in this invasion and the annexation of Crimea have resulted in over 14,000 Ukrainian deaths; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the elected members of the City Commission of the City of Livingston Montana, do hereby condemn this violence and the threats to innocent civilians in Ukraine and stand in support of the citizens of Ukraine and their sovereignty.

Signed this 6 day of April 2022

Melissa Nootz, Chair  
Livingston City Commission

Faith Kinnick,  
Recording Secretary

