

**Vote on Resolution to Waive the Rules of Procedure for the City Council, Rule #19 Agenda Items Submitted by Council Members and Rule #4b Regular Meeting Order of Business**

Suggested Resolution

Resolution #2022-02-

Moved by

Seconded by

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **WAIVES** the Rules of Procedure for the City Council Rule #19 *Agenda Items Submitted by Council Members* to add N-1 Council Referral from Council Member Chamberlain-Creanga – Proclamation to Stand in Solidarity with the Ukrainian American Community in Troy During Conflict in Ukraine and Rule #4b Regular Meeting Order of Business to move the Council Referral Item to the beginning of Certificates of Recognition and Special Presentations.

Yes:

No:

**Council Referral from Council Member Chamberlain-Creanga – Proclamation to Stand in Solidarity with the Ukrainian American Community in Troy During Conflict in Ukraine**

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Standing in Solidarity with the Ukrainian American Community in Troy During Conflict in Ukraine**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Troy is home to many proud Ukrainian Americans, who bring their beautiful culture and strength to our community – alongside more than 39,000 Ukrainian Americans in the State of Michigan, according to 2019 census data; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ukrainian diaspora community in Troy and the surrounding region make up one of the largest and most active Ukrainian American communities in the United States; and the community is understandably shocked and deeply pained by the recent invasion and unprovoked attack on the sovereign country of Ukraine, with many having relatives and loved ones in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Troy is also home to many East European and Slavic communities with roots and family members in countries surrounding Ukraine and have bravely and compassionately stepped up to denounce unjustified aggression and to provide humanitarian support to the hundreds of thousands of women and children fleeing conflict in Ukraine; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes in the values of Freedom and Democracy, and the essential role that local government plays in building a democratic society – and so speaking out on these values is important when they are threatened in the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That Troy City Council reaffirms the values of Freedom and Democracy in the face of an attack on them, recognizing that Freedom has never come easily, as stated in Troy City Council's proclamation dated June 1, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we invite Troy residents to stand in solidarity and unity with the Ukrainian community in Troy and around the world, and all those standing up alongside them for Freedom and Democracy in the world.