



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Declaring May 5, 2022, Solidarity with Ukraine Day in Beaufort**

WHEREAS, Ukraine proclaimed independence from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on August 24, 1991, adopted its constitution in 1996, and has been a fully independent country and home to 44 million citizens led by a president elected by overwhelming popular vote; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Russian military forces conducted an unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, resulting in the destruction of cities and towns and over 2,300 civilian casualties; and

WHEREAS, the people of Ukraine have been caught in the middle of this invasion, creating 4 million external refugees and 6 million internal displacements, and millions in need of urgent humanitarian assistance; and

WHEREAS, the invasion of Ukraine and attacks against its people have been broadly condemned by the United Nations, United States President, leadership of the European Union, Great Britain, and other countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beaufort condemns the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine and urges the United States government and our allies to use every diplomatic tool to bring an end to the conflict; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beaufort urges all countries and people to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, especially those produced by Russia, so as to deny Russia funds that support the invasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that I, Mayor Sharon E. Harker, do hereby ask the residents of the Town of Beaufort, to join us in expressing support and for those in our community with Ukrainian roots, who are especially concerned for the well-being of their loved ones; and



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that I, Mayor Sharon E Harker, do hereby proclaim May 5th, 2022, as

## *Solidarity with Ukraine Day*

I urge all citizens to express their support for those facing this unjustified attack on democracy and freedom today and every day throughout this conflict.

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Sharon Harker  
Mayor