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PROCLAMATION

Solidarity with Ukraine

March 2, 2022

Whereas, previously ruled by the Soviet Union, Ukraine gained sovereignty in 1991 in pursuit of a true democracy allowing for freedom of religion, speech, and cultivating their rich culture; and

Whereas, denial of the statehood of modern Ukraine by Russia's elites has inhibited the citizens of Ukraine the ability to fully embrace their position in the global world; and

Whereas, On February 23, 2022, Russian President Putin launched a full-scale attack on the Ukrainian government and democracy itself forcing hundreds of thousands to flee their homes, communities, and families in order to seek refuge in other nations; and

Whereas, the United States condemns this blatant violation of international law calling this action "Unprovoked and Unjustified" reassuring their support for all actions taken by the Ukrainian military and all those involved; and

Whereas, The City of Avondale stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, especially Ukrainian Americans in Avondale, in the face of this abhorrent, unprovoked assault on their country, their freedom, and their lives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth N. Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona, do hereby proclaim solidarity with the people of Ukraine who are standing up against this brutal assault on democracy. I commend them for their strength, courage, and bravery, and I urge all residents 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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Mayor

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City Clerk