



PROCLAMATION

Support for Ukraine

WHEREAS, on February 23rd, Russian President Vladimir Putin sent troops to invade the sovereign nation of Ukraine in an unprovoked and deeply disturbing attack; and

WHEREAS, Washington State is home to over 70,000 Ukrainian Americans and is one of six states with the highest number of Ukrainian immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Americans with Ukrainian heritage living in our state and in Bothell have enriched our community and have been part of our cultural fabric for decades, making significant contributions to the City at large; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine the country and its people are enduring threats to their safety and security; and

WHEREAS, our thoughts are with the Ukrainian people as they endure this violence, and with the Russian people standing against it.

WHEREAS, Bothell is home to displaced people, refugees and survivors from various geopolitical conflicts across generations, who are reexperiencing the trauma of war and invasion, and who call on Americans to stand for self-determination and autonomy for all nations of the earth, including the people of Ukraine, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mason Thompson, do hereby proclaim that the City of Bothell stands with our Ukrainian community and encourage all residents to join me in solidarity with the Ukrainian community at home and abroad. The City is committed to, and believes in the peaceful dignity, equality, and civil rights of all people.

Signed this 15th day of March, 2022.

Mason Thompson

Mason Thompson (Mar 24, 2022 15:02 PDT)

Mason Thompson, Mayor