



Joint Proclamation

WHEREAS, the sovereign nation of Ukraine has been invaded by Russian military forces without cause; and

WHEREAS, countless civilians and military personnel have been injured and killed by indiscriminate shelling and bombing instigated by Russia's authoritarian regime; and

WHEREAS, the invasion of Ukraine and attacks against its people have been broadly condemned by US President Joseph Biden, leadership of the European Union, Great Britain and numerous other countries; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of people around the world have marched in the streets to condemn these acts of violence and to show their support for the Ukrainian people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County are home to a robust and thriving Ukrainian community; and

WHEREAS, our Ukrainian neighbors are experiencing pain, hardship and grief due to the aggression in Eastern Europe;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim that the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County stand in solidarity with our Ukrainian neighbors as well as the people of Ukraine, as they bravely defend their country, their freedom and their lives.

Signed this 4 day of March 2022.

Handwritten signature of Seth Fleetwood in blue ink.

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor
City of Bellingham

Handwritten signature of Satpal Singh Sidhu in blue ink.

Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive
Whatcom County

