

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY
RESOLUTION – 2022-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY
MARYLAND TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE.**

Introduced by: Commission Chair Wheatley

WHEREAS, Ukraine has been an independent and sovereign state since 1991. On December 1, 1991 more than 90 percent of Ukrainian citizens voted in a national referendum in support of independence, with majorities in every region;

WHEREAS, On February 24, 2022, The Russian Federation, under the leadership of President Vladimir Putin, launched an unprovoked and unjustified invasion of an independent country, Ukraine;

WHEREAS, it is the right of all countries to decide their own future, foreign policy, and security arrangements free from outside interference or coercion;

WHEREAS, Russian forces have targeted civilians and have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity;

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, the G7 issued a statement condemning the atrocities by Russia against Ukraine as a “large-scale military aggression by the Russian Federation against the territorial integrity, sovereignty, and independence of Ukraine”;

WHEREAS, the European Commission, France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, Canada, and the United States joined together to coordinated economic sanctions, including severe restrictions, against Russia’s Central Bank was as sanctions against Vladimir Putin;

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) condemned “Russia’s horrifying attack on Ukraine”;

WHEREAS, Russian forces have targeted civilians and have committed war crimes against humanity;