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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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**A Resolution Supporting the People of Ukraine and Suspending the
Juneau Sister City Relationship with Vladivostok, Russia.**

WHEREAS, Russian President Vladimir Putin has engaged in an unprovoked and unjustified attack on the sovereign nation of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the People of Ukraine have bravely resolved to stand firm and fight back against this tyrannical and criminal act, and violation of sovereignty and international law; and

WHEREAS, President Putin has ordered nuclear deterrence forces on high alert and has fired upon a nuclear power plant, endangering not only Ukraine, but the global community by increasing the threat of an unwinnable nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau stands firmly with Ukraine and its People and strongly condemns President Putin's reckless actions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Alaska, in response to President Vladimir Putin's war on Ukraine, has called for several actions including asking that Alaska sister cities cut ties with any Russian sister cities; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 1991, the City and Borough of Juneau and Vladivostok entered into a Protocol Agreement establishing a Sister City relationship between Vladivostok and Juneau, for the mutual benefit of the people of both cities; and

WHEREAS, this Sister City relationship has served to promote and foster mutually beneficial educational, trade, cultural, and scientific exchanges, international municipal cooperation, and a bond of friendship and understanding between the people of the City and Borough of Juneau and Vladivostok; and

WHEREAS, the friendship and interchange with the people Vladivostok continues to be important to the people of Juneau and contributes to the causes of peace, human rights, and understanding; and

41 WHEREAS, interchange and understanding between Sister Cities demands that we tell
42 our friends in Vladivostok that the criminal acts of the Russian President and Russian
43 armed forces are wrong and must be condemned.
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45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF
46 JUNEAU, ALASKA:
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48 **Section 1.** The City and Borough of Juneau joins the international community in
49 strongly condemning the egregious actions of President Vladimir Putin for ordering the
50 invasion of the nation of Ukraine and hereby suspends its Sister City relationship with
51 Vladivostok.
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53 **Section 2.** The City and Borough of Juneau shall continue to support the people of
54 Vladivostok and looks forward to a time when true people to people cooperation can be
55 restored.
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57 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its
58 adoption.
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60 Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2022.
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63 Beth A. Weldon, Mayor
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68 Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk
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