



Agenda Item: 4a  
Meeting Date: March 8, 2022

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION**

- WHEREAS,** the Russian Federation launched an unprovoked attack on Ukraine resulting in loss of life, destruction of critical infrastructure, and irreparable damage to Ukrainian cultural heritage.
- WHEREAS,** the Port of Seattle stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and their fight for sovereignty, as well as with all those impacted by the invasion; and
- WHEREAS,** Washington State is home to tens of thousands of people whose families originate from Ukraine and Russia; and
- WHEREAS,** the Port of Seattle, as a hub for global trade and travel, relies upon a system of international order which respects territorial sovereignty and builds trust between nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Port of Seattle has reviewed its commercial commitments and found no ties to Russia, or Russian-owned entities, and will not contract with, purchase from, or otherwise engage with Russian-owned entities until the Russian Federation ends hostilities and withdraws all forces from Ukraine; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. has taken immediate action to prohibit financial investment and transactions with Russia issuing orders blocking Russian aircraft, airlines, ships and cargo from entering and using all domestic U.S. airspace and ports; and
- WHEREAS,** the Port of Seattle remains committed to supporting the safety, inclusion and engagement of all members of our community and to protect the rights and quality of life of immigrants, refugees, and foreign visitors by being a welcoming port for all those seeking refuge during a time of war; and
- WHEREAS,** the Port of Seattle has demonstrated its commitment to welcoming arriving refugees through our airport in close partnership with local resettlement organization, most recently for Afghan refugees, and is committed to providing similar coordination for arriving Ukrainian refugees; and
- WHEREAS,** our thoughts are with our neighbors, employees and their families who may be directly impacted by this conflict.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Port of Seattle Commission hereby proclaims its support of those impacted by the invasion of Ukraine and calls for the immediate withdrawal of all Russian forces from Ukraine.

Proclaimed by the Port of Seattle Commission this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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