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Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation
March 23, 2022 City Council Meeting

ORDER

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago stands in unwavering solidarity with the people of the sovereign nation of the Ukraine as they defend themselves against Russia's unprovoked invasion and war against their democracy and sovereign right to exist as an independent nation; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago officially formalized the Chicago Sister Cities International Program on February 28, 1990 via Executive Order 90-1 signed by former Mayor Richard M. Daley; and,

WHEREAS, twenty-nine cities across the globe have sister city status with the City of Chicago, including Kyiv, Ukraine and Moscow, Russia; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is proud to reaffirm our Sister Cities linkage with several cities in North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations: Birmingham, United Kingdom; Hamburg, Germany; Paris, France; Milan, Italy; Toronto, Canada; Warsaw, Poland; Athens, Greece; Prague, Czech Republic; and Vilnius, Lithuania; and,

WHEREAS, Switzerland, Japan, Serbia, Israel, Australia, Ireland, Ghana, Colombia,

Republic of Korea, and China have also condemned the actions of Russia against the people of the Ukraine while Mexico, South Africa, Jordan and Pakistan, which also have Sister Cities participants, have given little to no reaction to the current events; now therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, that the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events shall immediately revoke the Sister Cities status of Moscow, Russia as a participant in the Chicago Sister Cities Program; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, that the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events is additionally ordered to revoke any Sister City status for any participating nation that vocalizes support for this unprovoked aggression against the Ukrainian people; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, that subcommittee created for any revoked Chicago Sister Cities

Program participant as outlined by Executive Order 90-1 Section 3 be immediately disbanded by the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, that any gifts, materials or services provided by any revoked Chicago Sister Cities Program participant as outlined by Executive Order 90-1 Section 6 be immediately returned by the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, that any revoked Chicago Sister Cities Program participant as outlined shall not be considered for re-admittance for participation in the program until normal diplomatic relations are reinstated.

s/Daniel La Spata

Daniel La Spata Alderman, 1st Ward

s/ Marty Quinn Marty Quinn Alderman, 13th Ward

s/ David Moore David Moore Alderman, 17th Ward

s/ Howard Brookins Howard Brookins Alderman, 21st Ward

s/ Michael Scott Michael Scott Alderman, 24th Ward

s/ Chris Taliaferro Chris Taliaferro Alderman, 29th Ward s/ Brian Hopkins Brian Hopkins Alderman, 2nd Ward

s/ Edward Burke Edward Burke Alderman, 14th Ward
s/Matt O'Shea Matt O'Shea Alderman, 19th Ward
s/ Michael Rodriguez Michael Rodriguez Alderman, 22nd Ward

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s/Raymond Lopez Raymond Lopez Alderman, 15th Ward

s/Jeanette Taylor Jeanette Taylor Alderwoman, 20th Ward

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s/Walter Burnett Walter Burnett Alderman, 27th Ward

s/Felix Cardona Felix Cardona Alderman, 31st Ward

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s/ Brendan Reilly Brendan Reilly Alderman, 42nd Ward

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s/ Michele Smith Michele Smith Alderwoman, 43rd Ward

s/lames Cappleman James Cappleman Alderman 46th Ward s/Anthony Napolitano Anthony Napolitano Alderman, 41st Ward

s/ Tom Tunney Tom Tunney Alderman, 44th Ward s/Matt Martin Matt Martin Alderman, 47th Ward

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