

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 2022-077

A motion was made by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Councilman McEvoy that the following resolution be adopted:

**APPROVING FLYING THE UKRAINIAN FLAG IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE
AND THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

WHEREAS, the Russian Federation initiated an unprovoked military invasion of the democratic country of Ukraine on February 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Russia's invasion of Ukraine escalated into a full-scale war causing enormous civilian casualties among the Ukrainian citizens, including dozens of children, with the death toll growing by the day; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy sent a letter to President Biden on March 2 2022, outlining the following:

- New Jersey is home to 75,000 Ukrainian residents
- New Jersey offers support to Ukraine
- New Jersey is ready to accept refugees from Ukraine
- New Jersey requests for the Administration to consider granting protections such as humanitarian parole and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Ukrainians already in the US, as well as provide work permits for Ukraine DACA recipients and international student visa holders; and

WHEREAS, Township of Verona Code section§ 370-11, Display of flags, allows for the display of flags on Township-owned flagpoles as the Township Council may authorize by resolution as a form of government speech; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes it appropriate to display the Ukrainian flag as a symbol of the Township's support of Ukraine and the Ukrainian people.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, as a symbol of the Township's support of Ukraine and the Ukrainian people, the Township Manager is hereby directed to immediately schedule a flag raising of the Ukrainian flag.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ukrainian natives and Verona residents Michael & Elina Rosenblum are hereby invited and requested to attend the flag raising ceremony which will act as a small but hopefully meaningful symbol of the Township's support, and as prayer for peace, for the Ukrainian people.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 4, 2022.


**JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

