

March 8, 2022

To the Honorable Council City of Norfolk, Virginia

Re: Suspension of Norfolk's Sister City Relationship with Kaliningrad

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached is a resolution requesting that the Norfolk Sister City Association suspend their relationship with Kaliningrad due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and President Vladimir Putin's crimes against humanity.

Respectfully,

Bernard A. Pishko City Attorney

BAP:lm Attachment By: Office of the City Attorney

By: _____

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

DEPT. City Attorney's Office

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING NORFOLK'S SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH KALININGRAD.

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WHEREAS, Russian President Vladimir Putin has caused the invasion of Ukraine, brutally killing people; and

WHEREAS, Russian President Vladimir Putin's brutal killings are crimes against humanity; and

WHEREAS, Norfolk maintains a sister city relationship with Kaliningrad to promote peace and understanding; and

WHEREAS, Norfolk wants to do all it can to denounce President Putin's atrocities and crimes against humanity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the City of Norfolk hereby requests the Norfolk Sister City Association suspend their relationship with Kaliningrad until peace and sovereignty are restored in Ukraine.

Section 2:- That the Norfolk Sister City Association communicate this suspension to Kaliningrad along with the request that the citizens of Kaliningrad do what they can safely do to express their opposition to President Putin's atrocities.

Section 3:- That this resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.