

## Legislation Text

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### **Adopt a Resolution to Suspend Sister City Ties with Voronezh, Russia**

#### **Action:**

**Adopt a resolution to suspend Sister City ties with Voronezh, Russia.**

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#### **Explanation**

- On February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin launched a full-scale attack on Ukraine.
- In response to the Russian attack, Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order No. 251 asking that State government agencies review contracts and terminate agreements with Russian entities.
- At the February 28, 2022 Business Meeting, Mayor Lyles called for the end of Charlotte's Sister City Relationships in a stand of solidarity with the Ukrainian community.
- On March 15, representatives of the Ukrainian community, Charlotte Sister Cities, and the Charlotte international Cabinet met with City staff to advise on the creating of the attached resolution.

#### **Explanation**

- Charlotte, North Carolina and Voronezh, Russia were officially joined as Sister Cities in 1991.
- The government-to-government relationship has been mostly ceremonial over the last five years.
- Community relationships between Voronezh and Charlotte remained stable on celebrations of culture and prior to military action in Ukraine, were beginning to increase in frequency and breadth.

#### **Attachment(s)**

Resolution to suspend ties with Voronezh, Russia