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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22-004

101 **CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE AGAINST RUSSIAN AGGRESSION.**

1 WHEREAS, The post-war international security order, led by the
2 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), has relied upon diplomacy,
3 peace, and open communication over armed conflict to ensure prosperity
4 and stability for over one billion people for more than 70 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the
6 Ukrainian people voted overwhelmingly to form a nation independent
7 from Russia, building a democracy and a thriving country grounded in the
8 rule of law; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2014, the pro-Western Euromaidan protest
10 movement in Ukraine led to the resignation of authoritarian president
11 Viktor Yanukovich, a brutal ally of Vladimir Putin, ushering in
12 democratically elected leaders who have sought closer ties to the

*Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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1 European Union and the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, The Russian Federation, seeking to block the free
3 will of the Ukrainian people in their pursuit of security, peace, and
4 prosperity through closer ties to the European Union and the United
5 States, annexed territory from Ukraine in 2014 and instigated, supported,
6 and supplied a deadly separatist war in Eastern Ukraine that has
7 destabilized the region and killed thousands of civilians; and

8 WHEREAS, The Russian Federation deployed military assets to
9 support the separatist militias in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions,
10 resulting in the reckless missile attack that downed Malaysia Airlines
11 Flight 17 and killed 298 innocent civilians in 2014; and

12 WHEREAS, Vladimir Putin intentionally lied to his own people
13 and to the global community to create a false pretext to invade and
14 occupy Ukraine based on lies that Ukraine posed a threat to Russians and
15 that falsely connected Ukraine and its political leaders to Nazism; and

16 WHEREAS, The Russian Federation violated international peace
17 and security agreements that sought a peaceful solution in Eastern
18 Ukraine and instead amassed hundreds of thousands of troops on
19 Ukraine's border; and

20 WHEREAS, Vladimir Putin has now launched an unjust and
21 unwarranted invasion upon the peaceful nation of Ukraine; and

22 WHEREAS, Russian soldiers are currently sweeping through the
23 country, inflicting violence and terror upon millions of civilians and
24 destroying homes, businesses, and properties; and

25 WHEREAS, Ukraine is a proud and honorable nation under siege,
26 and the brutality of this unnecessary and violent war is an affront to both
27 international law and common decency; and

28 WHEREAS, Ukraine has been a bulwark against Russian military
29 aggression in Europe, and Vladimir Putin has said that his goal is to
30 recreate the Soviet Union and may have intentions to threaten NATO
31 allies with military force; and

32 WHEREAS, Vladimir Putin has sought to destabilize countries
33 across Europe and interfere in other countries' elections and democracies,

1 including the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, The United States has galvanized the international
3 community and our allies to impose the strongest possible sanctions on
4 Russia and its financial institutions in response to the Russian invasion of
5 Ukraine; and

6 WHEREAS, Colorado is home to thousands of Ukrainian
7 Americans and to millions who care deeply for and stand strongly in
8 support of the Ukrainian people; and

9 WHEREAS, Ukraine deserves the support of every American and
10 the entire international community as it defends itself from this
11 unprovoked Russian invasion, the largest attack by one state against
12 another in Europe since World War II; now, therefore,

13 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-third General*
14 *Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives*
15 *concurring herein:*

16 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

17 (1) Proudly stand alongside Ukraine, its people, and its leaders
18 during this horrific and unnecessary war and vow to support Ukraine and
19 hold Russia fully accountable for its catastrophic decision to invade;

20 (2) Condemn, in the strongest possible terms, Vladimir Putin's
21 violent attack on the people of Ukraine and strongly endorse the swift and
22 severe economic sanctions and stringent export controls that President
23 Biden's administration has imposed on Russia; and

24 (3) Urge Russia to immediately cease its violent, illegal, and
25 immoral assault upon Ukraine, end the needless bloodshed, and return to
26 diplomacy and the rules-based international order that has ensured peace
27 and prosperity for so many.

28 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
29 to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
30 Majority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the
31 Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the
32 President of the United States Senate, the Majority Leader of the United

1 States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and all
2 members of Colorado's Congressional delegation.