

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEADERS
AND PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AS THEY DEFEND AGAINST
RUSSIA'S MASSIVE MILITARY ATTACK ON THEIR SOVEREIGN NATION**

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara condemns the illegal military invasion of Ukraine, the attempted annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation in 2014, and the violence fomented by Russian proxies in eastern Ukraine, an active conflict that continues in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara affirms our unwavering commitment to support the continuing efforts of the Government of Ukraine to restore its territorial integrity by providing political, diplomatic, and military support, including additional lethal and non-lethal security assistance to strengthen the defense capabilities of Ukraine; and urges the United States and its allies to deliver additional and immediate defensive security assistance to help Ukraine address the armoured, airborne, and all other threats they are currently facing from Russian forces; and

WHEREAS, we denounce the Russian military build-up of over 150,000 troops on Ukraine's border, including in Belarus, threatening the security of bordering NATO allies as provocative and reckless, contrary to established international norms; and we condemn the Russian Federation's continued disregard of international maritime law by partially blocking parts of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, which hampers freedom of navigation exercises and significantly impacts Ukraine's economy; and

WHEREAS, we encourage the President and Congress that, should any further invasion or other malign activity to undermine the sovereignty of Ukraine occur by Russia, the United States Government should use the tools at its disposal to impose significant costs on the Russian Federation to restore peace in Europe; and

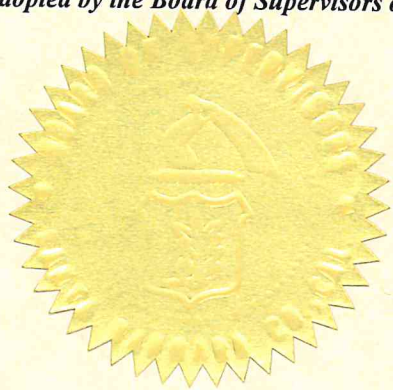
WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara encourages unity among NATO allies and the broader transatlantic community to convey solidarity in response to Russia's unprovoked military aggression against Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara applauds local support efforts, which includes a collaboration with the Santa Barbara City Fire Department, Montecito Fire Department, Carpinteria Summerland Fire District and Santa Barbara County Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department, and local organizations, who donated hundreds of sets of turnouts, 6 pallets of medical and rescue equipment, and 20 pallets of supplies; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara commends the team of firefighters, some local, that spent roughly 3 weeks in Ukraine performing search and rescue operations, body recovery, rebuilding fire houses and providing over 100 hours of training with Ukrainians on the equipment that was donated from California. This was part of a partnership with Direct Relief, Santa Barbara County Fire Foundation, and the nationwide effort, Project Joint Guardian.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends the courage, resolve, and restraint shown by the Ukrainian people in their pursuit of sovereignty and democracy, and pays tribute to the many women and men who gave their lives in pursuit of a free and democratic Ukraine; and confirms our unwavering support for a secure, democratic, and independent Ukraine, free to choose its own leaders and future.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 24th day of May, 2022.



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