

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 593

Whereas, Ukraine is a sovereign and independent nation located in Eastern Europe; and

Whereas, following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Ukrainian people voted overwhelmingly to form a nation independent from Russia, building a democracy and a thriving country grounded in the rule of law; and

Whereas, in the three decades since gaining its independence, Ukraine has sought to forge its own path as a sovereign state and sought closer economic, social and political ties with the free market and democratic nations of the West; and

Whereas, the Russian Federation deployed military assets, seeking to block the free will of the Ukrainian people from their pursuit of security, peace and prosperity through their own democratic republic; and

Whereas, the Russian Federation military, at the direction of Vladimir Putin, began a premeditated and brutal assault on the people of Ukraine without provocation and without justification by launching a violent and illegal invasion that has led to war crimes due to the murder of innocent civilian men, women and children; and

Whereas, the Russian Federation violated international peace by mobilizing over one hundred and fifty thousand troops to invade the sovereign nation of Ukraine, bringing the ravages of war, the destruction it sows and the tyranny it leaves behind; and

Whereas, the Russian Federation's actions are a direct attack against Ukraine and violate the peace, prosperity and stability of Europe that has been enjoyed for more than seventy years:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred First General Assembly, Second Regular Session, hereby condemn and oppose the unprovoked invasion and egregious act of aggression against the sovereign state of Ukraine by the Russian Federation; and

Be it further resolved that the Missouri Senate strongly supports the rights of the people of Ukraine to freely determine their future, including their country's relationship with other nations and international organizations, without interference, intimidation, or coercion by other countries and the Missouri Senate is committed itself to solidarity with the people and government of Ukraine; and

Be it further resolved that the Missouri Senate urges all Missourians to support and promote the democratic values of a free country and provide as much support as possible through generous donations, support and prayers for the Ukrainian people and the willingness of the United States to take in Ukrainian refugees; and

Be it further resolved that the Missouri Senate urges the United States government to immediately supply arms, ammunition, medical supplies, and humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian people; and

Be it further resolved that the Missouri Senate urges the United States Government to work with the international coalition of the world's leading nations to ensure that all nations refuse to recognize the illegal invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation and to ensure that the Russian Federation is held accountable and sustains the maximum penalty and consequence of its utter disregard for international law and human rights; and

Be it further resolved that the Missouri Senate urges the United States government and its allies to protect the sovereign airspace above Ukraine and give relief to the civilians of Ukraine from the relentless, violent bombings from the Russian Federation military; and

Be it further resolved that the Secretary of the Senate prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.