

1           A RESOLUTION affirming support for Ukrainian sovereignty, the people of  
2 Ukraine, and their right to self-determination.

3           WHEREAS, the people of Ukraine and Kentucky have a shared love of freedom,  
4 independence, self-determination, and self-governance; and

5           WHEREAS, the 43.7 million people of Ukraine share an identity which is distinct  
6 and separate from Russia, and approximately 78 percent of the Ukrainian population  
7 identify as Ukrainian, while only 17 percent of people in Ukraine identify as Russian; and

8           WHEREAS, the language, culture, and history of Ukraine is rich and distinct from  
9 Russian language, culture, and history; and

10          WHEREAS, Ukraine first declared independence from Bolshevik communists in  
11 Russia in 1918; and

12          WHEREAS, Ukraine has enjoyed self-governance since its separation from the  
13 Soviet Union in August 1991, and Ukraine ratified its most recent constitution in June  
14 1996; and

15          WHEREAS, Ukraine is recognized as a democratic republic and is governed by  
16 President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal; and

17          WHEREAS, the economies of both Ukraine and Kentucky are driven by their  
18 abundance of natural resources; and

19          WHEREAS, the arable land in Ukraine is significantly larger than that in Russia,  
20 and should be used and enjoyed by the people of Ukraine, not exploited by the Russian  
21 government to expand its own power; and

22          WHEREAS, persistent Russian interference and aggression weaken Ukrainian  
23 growth and investments; and

24          WHEREAS, Ukraine is the largest Eastern European country, making the retention  
25 of its independence from Russia a security interest of the United States and NATO; and

26          WHEREAS, a threat to the sovereign borders of Ukraine is a threat to all western  
27 democracies; and

1           WHEREAS, President Vladimir Putin is an unstable, unpredictable threat to  
2 Europe, NATO, and its allies;

3           NOW, THEREFORE,

4 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
5 *Kentucky:*

6           ➔Section 1. The Kentucky State Senate stands in solidarity with the people of  
7 Ukraine in their fight against Russian oppression, aggression, and annexation.

8           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and utmost  
9 commendation of the Ukrainian people and their right to self-determination and self-  
10 governance.

11          ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
12 Resolution to the Ukrainian Embassy, 3350 M Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20007.