

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Salomon, Fortunato, Valdez, Van De Wege, Lovick, Pedersen, Hansen, Padden, Braun, Boehnke, Cleveland, Wagoner, Lias, Hunt, Hasegawa, Billig, Randall, Wellman, Schoesler, Short, Gildon, Mullet, Shewmake, Saldaña, Kuderer, Stanford, and Holy

1 WHEREAS, The people of Washington state and the people of Ukraine
2 share a commitment to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Washington state is home to over 80,000 people with
5 Ukrainian heritage and one of the largest populations of Ukrainian
6 immigrants among the 50 states; and

7 WHEREAS, Many Ukrainians immigrated to Washington state fleeing
8 Soviet persecution for their beliefs and seeking personal and
9 religious freedoms in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, The state of Washington has welcomed over 20,000
11 Ukrainians since February of 2022 and continues to be a welcoming
12 state; and

13 WHEREAS, Ukrainians and Ukrainian Americans in Washington state
14 have enriched our communities through their leadership and
15 contributions in agriculture, business, academia, government, and the
16 arts; and

17 WHEREAS, On February 24, 2022, Russia launched a full-scale
18 aggression against Ukraine, in an escalation of the war unleashed in
19 2014, which became the largest attack on a European nation since
20 World War II; and

21 WHEREAS, This war on Ukraine has killed tens of thousands of
22 Ukrainian servicemembers and civilians, displaced millions of

1 Ukrainians, and has caused an urgent international humanitarian
2 crisis; and

3 WHEREAS, President Putin has denied the existence of Ukraine and
4 seeks to overthrow the democratically elected government of Ukraine;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The people of Ukraine are now engaged in a war to defend
7 their independence and democratic path of development and lives;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
9 recognize the democratic values shared by the people of Washington
10 state and the people of Ukraine; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate express
12 its deepest sympathies for all Ukrainian Americans, especially those
13 with loved ones in harm's way; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate condemn
15 the unprovoked Russian war against Ukraine and reiterate its support
16 for peace, diplomacy, and an immediate end to the Russian invasion;
17 and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate commend
19 the courage and resilience of the Ukrainian people in their pursuit
20 of sovereignty and democracy and reaffirm its support of Ukrainian
21 citizens here in Washington state and abroad.

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