



Agenda Item Substitute

File #: 2022-1328
File Status: Preliminary Item

3/8/2022

Public Hearing: YES NO **Department:** Board of Commissioners - District 6

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution to support Ukraine and our Ukrainian citizens, standing in solidarity to condemning the brutal attack by the Russian Leadership, urging an immediate and peaceful resolve, and until then, supporting President Biden's Administration in sanctions and export controls.

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PURPOSE:

The Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia prides itself as a diverse county that welcomes people from all backgrounds and nationalities, including Ukrainian Americans. Millions of lives have been torn apart, displaced, or murdered while protecting their country from this unprovoked and unjustified attack by Russian military forces. This Resolution confirms our support of solidarity to condemn Russia's invasion and brutal attack and urge an immediate and peaceful resolve as quickly as possible. Until then we strongly endorse the swift and severe economic sanctions and stringent export controls that President Biden's administration has imposed on Russia.

NEED/IMPACT:

The attached Resolution condemns the atrocities being committed by Vladimir Putin and the Russian leadership and supports all efforts that urge Russia to immediately cease its violent, illegal, and immoral assault upon Ukraine, end the needless bloodshed, and return to diplomacy and the rules-based international order that has ensured peace and prosperity for so many.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt and authorize the CEO to execute the attached Resolution confirming our solidarity to condemn the Russian Leadership's attack, to urge an immediate end to this bloodshed, and if necessary, our support of severe and swift economic sanctions and stringent export controls that President Biden's Administration has imposed on Russia.

**A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF
DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA,
CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE AGAINST RUSSIAN AGGRESSION**

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia prides itself as a diverse county that welcomes people from all backgrounds and nationalities, including Ukrainian-Americans; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, DeKalb County is home to Ukrainian-Americans who care deeply for and stand strongly in support of the Ukrainian people; and

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

WHEREAS, every single person fleeing conflict has the right to seek safety in other countries and is entitled to protection without discrimination, including Ukrainians, and people of African descent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, we hereby proclaim that we, the members of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners:

1. Proudly stand alongside Ukraine, its people, and its leaders during this horrific and unnecessary war and vow to support Ukraine and hold Russia fully accountable for its catastrophic decision to invade; and
2. Condemn, in the strongest possible terms, Vladimir Putin's violent attack on the people of Ukraine and strongly endorse the swift and severe economic sanctions and stringent export controls that President Biden's administration has imposed on Russia; and

3. Urge Russia to immediately cease its violent, illegal, and immoral assault upon Ukraine, end the needless bloodshed, and return to diplomacy and the rules-based international order that has ensured peace and prosperity for so many; and
4. Commit to fostering a welcoming environment for those seeking refuge from conflict.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

ROBERT PATRICK
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BARBARA H. SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC
County Clerk
Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer

VIVIANE H. ERNSTES
County Attorney
DeKalb County, Georgia