

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;

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

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;

(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.

(4.) Commit to fostering a welcoming environment for those seeking refuge from conflict.