

RECOGNIZING THE SOVEREIGNTY AND UNBREAKABLE SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

WHEREAS on February 24, 2022, the Government of the Russian Federation launched an unprovoked, full-scale, military invasion against Ukraine in direct violation of international law;

WHEREAS contrary to the expectations of the Russian Federation, Ukraine's capital of Kyiv did not fall in a matter of days, and Ukraine has prevented Russia from achieving its objectives of conquering Ukraine and installing a puppet government;

WHEREAS Russia's invading forces have committed war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other atrocity crimes in Ukraine, including rape, torture, murder, the forcible deportation of children, and the targeting of civilian critical infrastructure;

WHEREAS Russia's full-scale invasion has created immense humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and, as a result, over 8,000 civilians have died, roughly 5,400,000 people have been internally displaced, and 17,600,000 people are in need of humanitarian aid;

WHEREAS Russia's war has also triggered an immense human and economic toll felt well beyond Ukraine's border, including a massive influx of over 8,100,000 Ukrainian refugees in Europe and an exacerbation of global food insecurity;

WHEREAS as a share of a country's defense budget, 12 countries have provided more military aid to Ukraine than the United States;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 45th District Democrats urges all of the Washington state democratic delegation to co-sponsor US House Resolution 227 ("Recognizing the sovereignty of Ukraine and the unbreakable spirit of the people of Ukraine", introduced in the House of Representatives 03/14/2023), and that our two US Senators, Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell introduce a similar resolution in the senate to:

1. Affirm their strong support for continued United States support to Ukraine, specifically the transfer of lethal aid to enable Ukraine to liberate its sovereign territory and win the war as soon as possible;
2. Show their support for those United States allies and partners that have provided significant support to Ukraine and urge their continued and increased assistance to Ukraine;
3. Call on allies and partners in Europe to increase national defense spending in order to bolster trans-Atlantic security;

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to Senators Murray and Cantwell and Representatives Suzan DelBene and Kim Schrier.

Passed on December 6, 2023

Signature of Chair: Karen Tennyson