



KENOSHA COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. _____

Subject: Resolution Condemning the Invasion of Ukraine By the Russian Federation			
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Submitted by: Supervisor Berg			
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Prepared by: Supervisor Andy Berg		Signature:	

WHEREAS, Ukraine is the second-largest country by area in Europe after the Russian Federation, having a population of 43.6 million, and;

WHEREAS, on December 30, 1922, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republics and the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic were two of the four founding member countries of what became the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), and;

WHEREAS, on August 24, 1991, the Ukrainian parliament known as the Verkhovna Rada, declared independence from the former USSR, and;

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1991, a public referendum of the citizens of the Ukraine was held in which 84.18% of the electorate cast ballots, through which an overwhelming majority of 92.3% of the vote approved the declaration of independence from the USSR by the Verkhovna Rada, and;

WHEREAS, on December 2, 1991, the President of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (Russian SFSR), Boris Yeltsin, recognized the Ukraine as an independent country, and;

WHEREAS, on December 8, 1991, official representatives of the Russia SFSR, Ukraine, and Belarus signed the Belovezh Accords, which declared dissolution of the USSR by its original founding states; on December 12, the Accords were ratified by the Supreme Soviet declaring Russian SFSR's independence from the USSR; thereafter, on December 25, 1991, Russian SFSR became the Russian Federation, and;

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2014, the 450-member Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada on a 328-to-0 vote, relieved Russian-Federation-leaning president of the Ukraine of his duties as President, installing in his place a new president who entered into a European Union association agreement, and;

WHEREAS, in response to the political turmoil leading up to the Rada’s vote, the Russian Federation invaded the sovereign soil of the Ukraine, and on March 18, 2014, in contravention to the Belovezh Accords, annexed the Crimean Peninsula, and;

WHEREAS, as Ukraine has not abandoned its European Union stance, after eight years of uneasy non-aggression, on February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation launched a large-scale invasion of Ukraine, and;

WHEREAS, it has been reported in the New York Times on March 1, 2022, the Russian Federation “appeared to target civilian areas with increasingly powerful weapons,” and;

WHEREAS, in an Associated Press syndicated article it was reported on March 1, 2022 that there was “abundant evidence of shelling of homes, schools and hospitals” by the Russian forces, and;

WHEREAS, it has been reported in the New York Times on February 28, 2022, that about 500,000 people have fled Ukraine in recent days to escape Russian attacks, and;

WHEREAS, the international community is overwhelmingly in favor of Ukraine recovering its sovereignty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors condemns the violation of the Ukrainian sovereignty by the Russian Federation through the massive invasion and condemns the targeting of Ukrainian civilians by the Russian Federation with military weaponry, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to U.S. Senator Ron Johnson, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, and Representative Bryan Steil.

Supervisor Andy Berg

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Aye Nay Abstain Excused

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