

SENATE RESOLUTION

8662

By Senators Pedersen, Billig, Braun, Brown, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Das, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frockt, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Honeyford, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Sefzik, Sheldon, Short, Stanford, Trudeau, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, C. Wilson, J. Wilson, and L. Wilson

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 70,000 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, Ukrainians and Ukrainian Americans in Washington State  
11 have enriched our communities through their leadership and  
12 contributions in agriculture, business, academia, government, and the  
13 arts; and

14 WHEREAS, Ukraine is a diverse nation, home to Ukrainians,  
15 Russians, Crimean Tatars, Jews, Poles, and many other ethnic groups;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Ukraine is the second largest country in Europe; and

18 WHEREAS, Between 2014 and 2022, more than 14,000 Ukrainian  
19 servicemembers and civilians have been killed in armed conflict; and

20 WHEREAS, On February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin  
21 abandoned diplomacy and international pleas for peace and launched an  
22 unprovoked military invasion of Ukraine; and

1           WHEREAS, This attack on Ukraine has already killed hundreds  
2 of Ukrainian servicemembers and civilians and caused an urgent  
3 international humanitarian crisis; and

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

7           WHEREAS, The people of Ukraine are now engaged in an armed  
8 conflict to defend their independence and democratic way of  
9 life;

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

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

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

20          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
21 encourage the people of Washington State to support Ukrainian  
22 Americans and the people of Ukraine in their urgent time of  
23 need.

24 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,  
25 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
26 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8662,  
27 adopted by the Senate  
28 March 2, 2022

29 SARAH BANNISTER  
30 Secretary of the Senate