

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Standing in solidarity with the people of Ukraine; condemning the illegal invasion of**
2 **Ukraine; endorsing the sanctions and export controls directed at the Russian Federation**
3 **by the United States government; urging the United States Congress and the President**
4 **to consider further sanctions and actions; demanding the Russian Federation**
5 **immediately stop all hostilities against Ukraine and withdraw from Ukrainian territory;**
6 **and supporting the United States in urging the Russian Federation to immediately stop**
7 **its assault on Ukraine.**

8 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

9 **WHEREAS** the post-war international security order, led by the North Atlantic Treaty
10 Organization (NATO), has relied on diplomacy, peace, and open communication over armed
11 conflict to ensure prosperity and stability for over 1,000,000,000 people for more than 70
12 years; and

13 **WHEREAS**, following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Ukrainian people voted
14 overwhelmingly to form a nation independent from Russia, building a democracy and a

1 thriving country grounded in the rule of law; and

2 **WHEREAS** the borders of Ukraine were subsequently universally recognized by the
3 international community, including by the Russian Federation; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2014, pro-Western protests in Ukraine led to the resignation of
5 authoritarian president Viktor Yanukovich, an ally of Vladimir Putin, and ushered in
6 democratically elected leaders who have sought closer ties to the European Union and the
7 United States; and

8 **WHEREAS**, contrary to the free will of the Ukrainian people in their pursuit of
9 security, peace, and prosperity through closer ties to the European Union and the United
10 States, the Russian Federation annexed territory from Ukraine in 2014 and instigated,
11 supported, and supplied a deadly separatist war in Eastern Ukraine, particularly in the
12 Donetsk and Luhansk provinces of Ukraine, destabilizing the region; and

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

16 **WHEREAS** Vladimir Putin has now launched an unjust and illegal invasion of the
17 peaceful nation of Ukraine; and

18 **WHEREAS** Russian soldiers are currently sweeping through the country, inflicting
19 violence and terror on millions of civilians and destroying homes, businesses, and economic
20 infrastructure; and

21 **WHEREAS** reports of civilian casualties call for ensuring humanitarian access and
22 respect for human rights and the relevant provisions of international humanitarian law; and

23 **WHEREAS** Ukraine has been a bulwark against Russian military aggression in
24 Europe, and Vladimir Putin has said that Russia's territory should extend to the historic
25 boundaries of Imperial Russia, with possible intentions of threatening NATO allies with
26 military force; and

27 **WHEREAS** Russia's aggression against Ukraine is a violation of Article 2, paragraph
28 4, of the United Nations Charter, which states that all member states shall refrain from the
29 threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or
30 in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations; and

31 **WHEREAS** Ukraine is a nation under siege, and the brutality of this unnecessary and

1 violent war is an affront to both international law and common decency; and

2 **WHEREAS** the United States has galvanized the international community and our
3 allies to impose the strongest possible sanctions on Russia and its financial institutions as a
4 means to inhibit Russia's ability to finance and replenish arms for its war against Ukraine; and

5 **WHEREAS** the patriotism, perseverance, and tenacity the Ukrainian people have
6 shown in defending their country is an inspiration to the entire world; and

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

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature proudly stands in solidarity
11 with the people of Ukraine during this horrific and unnecessary war; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature condemns, in the
13 strongest possible terms, Vladimir Putin's violent attack on the people of Ukraine; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature strongly endorses the
15 swift and severe economic sanctions and stringent export controls that the United States has
16 imposed on Russia and urges the United States Congress and the President to consider further
17 sanctions or actions; and be it

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the United States
19 in urging Russia to immediately stop its violent, illegal, and immoral assault on Ukraine, end
20 the needless bloodshed, completely withdraw its military forces from within Ukraine's
21 internationally recognized borders, and return to diplomacy and the rules-based international
22 order that has ensured peace and prosperity for so many, for so long.

23 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President
24 of the United States; the Honorable Volodymyr Oleksandrovyh Zelenskyy, President of
25 Ukraine; Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, President of the Russian Federation; the Honorable
26 Kamala D. Harris, Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the
27 Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Kevin
28 McCarthy, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Charles
29 Schumer, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority
30 Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Oksana Markarova, Ambassador Extraordinary and
31 Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the United States; the Honorable Anatoly I. Antonov,

1 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the United States;
2 members of the United Nations Security Council; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the
3 Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
4 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.