

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Solidarity With the Government and People of Ukraine**

3 FOR the purpose of stating that the State of Maryland stands in solidarity with the
4 government and people of Ukraine; and generally relating to the State's support for
5 Ukraine.

6 WHEREAS, Since 1991, Ukraine has been an independent and sovereign state; and

7 WHEREAS, Ukraine is a democratic republic holding free and independent
8 elections, most recently in 2019, when the people of Ukraine elected Volodymyr Zelenskyy
9 to serve as their President; and

10 WHEREAS, Maryland has a deep bond with the people of Ukraine, forged by the
11 more than 20,000 Americans of Ukrainian descent who call Maryland home; and

12 WHEREAS, The Russian Federation under President Vladimir Putin launched an
13 unprovoked, unjustifiable invasion of Ukraine; and

14 WHEREAS, The unprovoked invasion of a sovereign state is a clear violation of
15 international law; and

16 WHEREAS, During this invasion, the Russian military has launched attacks on
17 civilians and sites of historical and cultural importance, including the Babyn Yar Holocaust
18 Memorial that memorializes the massacre of 34,000 Ukrainian Jews during the Second
19 World War; and

20 WHEREAS, The Russian military has attacked not only the Ukrainian people but
21 their peaceful and democratic way of life, symbolized by the assault on Freedom Square in
22 the city of Kharkiv; and

23 WHEREAS, The Russian invasion of Ukraine has provoked the largest conventional
24 armed conflict in Europe since the Second World War; and



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1 WHEREAS, It is the duty of all free peoples to resist tyranny, whatever form it may
2 take; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the State
4 stands in solidarity with the government and people of Ukraine as they resist the
5 unprovoked invasion of their territory by the Russian Federation; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of Maryland encourages all Marylanders
7 to assist as they are able in providing humanitarian assistance to the people of Ukraine
8 affected by this conflict; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
10 Legislative Services to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the
11 Honorable William C. Ferguson, IV, President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
12 Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates.