

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1 A Senate 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

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EXPLANATION:

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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1 international law; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.