

SENATE SIMPLE RESOLUTION 2

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By: **The President**

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1 A Senate Simple Resolution concerning

2 **Suspension of Sister State Status for St. Petersburg, Russia**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the Maryland Sister States Program within the
4 International Division for Maryland's Office of the Secretary of State to suspend
5 sister state status and programming with the city of St. Petersburg in the Leningrad
6 region of Russia.

7 WHEREAS, On February 24, 2022, Russia launched an unwarranted military attack
8 on Ukraine; and

9 WHEREAS, A United Nations human rights monitoring team has documented at
10 least 376 civilian casualties, including 94 civilian deaths, in the conflict; and

11 WHEREAS, Marylanders stand in solidarity with Ukraine; and

12 WHEREAS, The State should not, and must not, legitimize the actions of the Russian
13 government; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, That the Senate of Maryland
15 requests the Maryland Sister States Program within the International Division for
16 Maryland's Office of the Secretary of State to suspend sister state status and programming
17 with the city of St. Petersburg in the Leningrad region of Russia; and be it further

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

