SENATE SIMPLE RESOLUTION

By: The President
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A Senate Simple Resolution concerning
Suspension of Sister State Status for St. Petersburg, Russia

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Marylanders stand in solidarity with Ukraine; and

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

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

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