

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 115

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SYNOPSIS

Condemns Russian invasion of Ukraine and supports Ukraine's government and citizens.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

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1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** condemning Russia and supporting
2 Ukraine’s government and citizens.
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4 **WHEREAS**, Following the fall of the Soviet Union, the citizens of
5 Ukraine voted in a national referendum in support of independence;
6 and
7 **WHEREAS**, In 1994, in response to the Budapest Memorandum on
8 Security Assurances, the United States, the Russian Federation, and
9 the United Kingdom recognized and pledged to respect the
10 independence and sovereignty of Ukraine’s borders; and
11 **WHEREAS**, In 2022, the Russian Federation deployed upwards of
12 200,000 military personnel to the borders of Ukraine; and
13 **WHEREAS**, On February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation declared
14 war and began a large scale invasion of Ukraine from the North,
15 East, and South and bombed various regions across Ukraine
16 including the capital of Kyiv in violation of international law; and
17 **WHEREAS**, As of February 28, 2022, a United Nations human rights
18 monitoring team has confirmed 376 civilian casualties in Ukraine,
19 including 94 deaths, after only three days of fighting and indicated
20 the casualties could be considerably higher; and
21 **WHEREAS**, The international community has responded to the
22 violation of international law by levying sanctions against Russia
23 and top Russian individuals, including Vladimir Putin; and
24 **WHEREAS**, The United States, Britain, the European Union, and
25 Canada, along with other states, have begun the process to block
26 Russia’s access to the SWIFT international payment system, which
27 is a messaging network that connects banks around the world, with
28 the goal of hobbling the Russian economy’s ability to do business
29 beyond its border; and
30 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey supports Russians throughout various
31 countries that have taken to the streets to protest the Russian
32 invasion of Ukraine, and supports the message “No to war”; and
33 **WHEREAS**, The Ukrainian people and its government have shown
34 unwavering bravery in response to the unprovoked act of
35 aggression by the Russians and continue to strive towards a
36 democratic and independent state despite Russia’s crime against
37 peace; and
38 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey condemns the invasion of Ukraine by Russia
39 and any actions by Russia to escalate the conflict further and calls
40 on Russia to return to diplomatic solutions to resolve this conflict;
41 and
42 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey and the United States support a democratic and
43 independent Ukraine, free of the influence of Russia or any other
44 country; now, therefore,
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46 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
47 Jersey (the Senate concurring):

1 1. The Legislature of the State of New Jersey condemns the
2 invasion of Ukraine by Russia and supports the citizens of Ukraine
3 in pursuing democracy and independence.

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5 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
6 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to
7 Ukraine's ambassador to the United States, Ukraine's ambassador
8 to the United Nations, the United States ambassador to Ukraine, and
9 the United States ambassador to the United Nations.

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STATEMENT

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14 This resolution condemns Russia for its declaration of war and
15 invasion of Ukraine and expresses support for its citizens in the
16 pursuit of independent democracy.

17 This resolution condemns the violation of international law
18 committed by Russia with the invasion of the North, East, and
19 South and the bombing of various regions across the country,
20 including in the capital city of Kyiv. This resolution urges Russia
21 to return to diplomacy to resolve this conflict. The resolution also
22 recognizes the increasing number of civilian casualties as a result of
23 the invasion by Russia.

24 The resolution also supports Russians throughout various
25 countries that have taken to the streets to protest the Russian
26 invasion. Additionally, this resolution recognizes the unwavering
27 bravery of Ukrainian citizens and government in response to the
28 invasion by Russia. Further, this resolution supports the
29 international communities levying of sanctions against Russia and
30 top Russian individuals and the removal of Russia from the
31 international payment system, SWIFT.

32 Finally, this resolution supports a democratic and independent
33 Ukraine, free from the influence of Russia or any other country.