

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA
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SENATE RESOLUTION 11-22:
In Solidarity Against Russian Invasion of Ukraine

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Senate is the elected body representing approximately 10,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,

WHEREAS, Russia has been threatening to invade Ukraine for years; and,¹

WHEREAS, Ukraine, a European democracy of 44 million people, has stayed independent and peaceful for over 8 years with no significant conflict with Russia, and,²

WHEREAS, At this time, the Russian government has denied Ukraine’s independence, attempting to redraw the map of Europe; and,

WHEREAS, President Vladimir Putin, who instigated this attack, has accused the country run by extremist and designated his views of protecting people from “genocide”;and,³

WHEREAS, After months of heightened and continuous denial of attack, President Putin announced his attack. On the morning of February 24, 2022, the Russian military started its “special military operation” in Ukraine; and,⁴

¹ Kirby, J. and Guyer, J. (2022, February) *Putin’s invasion of Ukraine, explained*
<https://www.vox.com/2022/2/23/22948534/russia-ukraine-war-putin-explosions-invasion-explained>

² Kirby, P (2022, February) *Why is Russia invading Ukraine and what does Putin want?*
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-56720589>

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⁴ Russian Federation Announces ‘Special Military Operation’ in Ukraine as Security Council Meets in Eleventh-Hour Effort to Avoid Full-Scale Conflict (2022, February)
<https://www.un.org/press/en/2022/sc14803.doc.htm>

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WHEREAS, a move that caused reports of explosions around cities, killing innocent citizens and destroying infrastructure; and,⁵

WHEREAS, Its attempt to demoralize the Ukrainian resistance is a brutal strategy that is detrimental to human life and dignity, sacrificing people for President Putin’s outrageous goals; and,⁶,

WHEREAS, more than 406 Ukrainian soldiers and civilians have been killed in the defense against this callous invasion, signifying a much needed attention to call for a ceasefire to prevent more casualties; and,⁷

WHEREAS, The lives of millions more are endangered and are in dire need of safe passage to other neighboring countries with estimated more than 500,000 Ukraine have already fled the conflict zone, which is over one-third of the Hawaii's population; and,⁸

WHEREAS, A growing numbers that will only increase as this attack inflicts across Ukraine, spreading fear and anxiety to displaced families; and,

WHEREAS, People worldwide and even its own Russian citizens themselves are participating in protest against the invasion of Ukraine, emphasizing a strong stance against the aggression; and,⁹

WHEREAS, The mounting evidence of targeting schools and residential areas using illegal weaponry (cluster bombs) is the extent of President Putin’s war crimes to achieve his goals; and,¹⁰

BE IT RESOLVED, The ASUH provides sympathy and supports humanitarian efforts for each and every civilian of Ukraine; and,

⁵ Trofimov, Y. (2022, February) *Russia Targets Ukrainian Civilian Areas in Shift to Demoralize Resistance* <https://www.wsj.com/articles/russian-forces-target-ukrainian-civilian-areas-as-missile-hits-central-kharkiv-11646124675>

⁶ Trofimov, Y. (2022, February) *Russia Targets Ukrainian Civilian Areas in Shift to Demoralize Resistance* <https://www.wsj.com/articles/russian-forces-target-ukrainian-civilian-areas-as-missile-hits-central-kharkiv-11646124675>

⁷ *Children and volunteer soldiers: casualties of the war in Ukraine* (2022, March) <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/mar/07/named-ukrainians-killed-since-russia-invaded>

⁸ *More than half a million have fled Ukraine, UN refugee agency reports* (2022, February) <https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/02/1112872>

⁹ *Protests Erupt In Russia, Worldwide Against Moscow's Invasion Of Ukraine* (2022, February) <https://www.rferl.org/a/russia-ukraine-protest-georgia-invasion/31725406.html>

¹⁰ *Ukraine: Cluster munitions kill child and two other civilians taking shelter at a preschool* (2022, February) <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2022/02/ukraine-cluster-munitions-kill-child-and-two-other-civilians-taking-shelter-at-a-preschool/>

BE IT RESOLVED, Stand together in solidarity against President Vladimir Putin, the Russian dictator, whose actions hasn't just killed Ukrainian civilians and put millions of lives at danger but continues to put his own people's lives in danger; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, Recognize that his actions have caused a ripple effect around the world economically, socially, and emotionally; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ASUH acknowledges the recent global protests as a stance against the Russian government's aggression towards Ukraine for disregarding the nation's independence and territorial rights; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ASUH supports any and all humanitarian organizations working to aid Ukrainian refugees; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ASUH encourages students to become involved in resistance towards this war, and highly encourages student-led rallies on and off campus; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED As a closing statement, ASUH feels deeply saddened by what's happened and stands with each and every individual that's being directly or indirectly affected by this war.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to:
the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Chair Randy Moore and Members, President David Lassner, Provost Michael Bruno, Vice Provost for Student Success Lori Ideta, the Graduate Student Organization, Ka Leo O Hawai'i, Senator Mazie Hirono, Senator Brian Schatz, Representative Ed Case, Representative Kai Kahele, Governor Ige,

Introducers: Hayden Kasal-Barsky, Senator for the College of Education & Chairperson of Student Affairs, Jason Chen, Senator for the College of Engineering

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE RESOLUTION 11-22

Aye(s): [15] Treasurer, Senator Loos, Senator Okamura, Senator Stephens, Senator Rabang, Senator Kirwan, Senator Hokama-Paris, Senator Goo, Senator Hermoso, Senator Vincioni, Senator Morimoto, Senator Dai, Senator Chen, Senator Tilitile, Senator Kasal-Barsky

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

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