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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING RUSSIA'S ATTACK ON UKRAINE AND SUPPORTING SWIFT AND SEVERE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IMPOSED ON RUSSIA.

WHEREAS, Ukraine declared independence from the Soviet Union on August 24, 1991; and

WHEREAS, in February and March of 2014, Russia invaded and subsequently annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, more than 14,000 people have been killed, tens of thousands wounded, and more than a million displaced due to Russian conflict since 2014; and

WHEREAS, over the past three decades, the Russian Federation has illegally seized Ukrainian land in Crimea, armed Russian-backed separatists leading to thousands of deaths, interfered in elections, used chemical weapons to attempt assassinations, carried out cyberattacks and disinformation campaigns abroad, and violated international arms control agreements; and

WHEREAS, from March to November 2021, the Russian Federation deployed a massive troop and weapons buildup on the border with Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2022, President Vladimir Putin officially recognized the Luhansk and Donetsk People's Republics, violating the Minsk Agreements, and ordered Russia's military to deploy troops there on a mission; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, without provocation, justification, or necessity, the Russian military launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, including sending troops into the country and bombing seven major cities; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii is home to a strong and vibrant Ukrainian community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the Senate concurring, that this body condemns the Russian Government under the leadership of Vladimir Putin for their violent attacks on the people of Ukraine and strongly supports the swift and severe economic sanctions that President Biden's administration has imposed on Russia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body calls for an immediate cease-fire and the full withdrawal of Russian forces from Ukrainian territory; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the right of the Russian people to protest, including the current protests against Putin's unprovoked war against Ukraine, and demands the immediate release of all those who have been unjustly detained in Russia for expressing their desire for peace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all state agencies are urged to cease any business or government contracts with the Russian Government or Belarusian Government, or contractors of either government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all state officials and employees are urged to suspend all work related travel to Russia or Belarus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body calls for the State of Hawaii and cities in Hawaii to cut any sister-city or sister state relations with any Russian or Belarusian cities or provinces; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Majority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, President of the United States Senate, Majority Leader of the United States Senate, Minority Leader of the United States Senate, all members of

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Hawaii's Congressional delegation, Governor of Hawaii,	Mayor of
Honolulu, Mayor of Maui, Mayor of Kauai, Mayor of Hawai	i,
members of the Honolulu City Council, Hawaii County Cou	ncil,
Kauai County Council, and Maui County Council.	

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