H.C.R. NO. ¹⁶ H.D. 1 S.D. 1

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AFFIRMING SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE FREE AND INDEPENDENT PEOPLE OF UKRAINE.

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, the military forces of 1 Russia under the command of President Vladimir Putin attacked 2 its peaceful neighboring country of Ukraine in an unprovoked 3 invasion, with the aim of undermining the freedom of the 4 Ukrainian people and subverting global movements for democracy; 5 and 6 7 8 WHEREAS, people all over the world were deeply moved by the tragic loss of human life, intentional targeting of Ukrainian 9 noncombatants, and massive destruction inflicted upon Ukraine as 10 a result of Russia's aggression; and 11 12 13 WHEREAS, the invasion of Ukraine is a dangerous development that has far-reaching implications, especially in how aggressive 14 regimes that are at odds with freedom or democracy treat weaker 15 neighbors; and 16 17 WHEREAS, the United States of America's and the rest of the 18 free world's diplomatic, ideological, and most importantly, 19 moral response to the invasion of Ukraine sets a precedent, and 20 countries like the People's Republic of China are closely 21 observing that response as they express their territorial 22 23 ambitions for the Republic of Taiwan; and 24 WHEREAS, this body is concerned about the possibility of 25 new conflicts, escalations, and crises in the Indo-Pacific 26 region that may result if weakness is perceived in the Western 27 world's response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and 28 therefore believes freedom-loving people everywhere must condemn 29 aggression and land grabs; and 30 31

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1 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii stand in 2 solidarity with the people of Ukraine, as the military conflict 3 there affects us all and represents a symbolic conflict between 4 democracy and tyranny, in which we must all stand for the rights 5 of our fellow human beings; now, therefore, 6

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 8 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 9 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that this body affirms 10 support and solidarity with the free and independent people of 11 Ukraine; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States of America; President of Ukraine; United States Representative to the United Nations; United States Secretary of State; Governor of Hawaii; and Executive Director of the Hawaii Government Employees Association.

