

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HINSDALE COUNTY, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 4
SERIES 2022**

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT UKRAINE AGAINST RUSSIAN AGGRESSION

WHEREAS, the post-war international security order, led by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), has relied upon diplomacy, peace, and open communication over armed conflict to ensure prosperity and stability to more than one billion people for more than 70 years; and;

WHEREAS, the land known as Ukraine has been recognized as a definable country since the 16th Century Middle Ages, emerging as a unity of Slavic tribes known as the Kievan Rus'; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine's geography has resulted in domination by states and powers such as the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, Cossacks, the Russian, Austro-Hungarian, and Ottoman empires and made Ukraine an avenue for and battleground of numerous Great Power wars; and

WHEREAS, the First World War created conditions favorable for the 1917-1921 Ukrainian War for Independence, producing the Free Territory of Ukraine and nascent nation-statehood and territorial sovereignty for the country of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine was subsumed by the Soviet Union with portions of Western Ukraine divided among Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Romania; and

WHEREAS, Ukrainian nationalists seized the opportunity presented by the Second World War and strove for independence and restoration of nation-statehood, yet Soviet domination continued; and

WHEREAS, the Ukrainian people voted overwhelmingly to form a nation independent from Russia following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, building a democracy and a country grounded in the rule of law as an independent, sovereign nation; and;

WHEREAS, the Russian Federation, seeking to block the free will of the Ukrainian people in their pursuit of security, peace, and prosperity through closer ties to the European Union and the United States, annexed territory from Ukraine in 2014 and instigated, supported, and supplied a deadly separatist war in Eastern Ukraine that has destabilized the region and killed thousands of civilians; and;


WHEREAS, the proud and honorable people of Ukraine are now under siege and defending their homeland in a brutal, unnecessary, unprovoked and unjustified war which is an affront to international law and common decency.

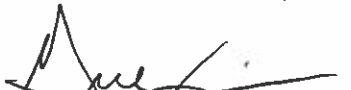
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Hinsdale County, Colorado proclaims that, based on the above findings, we:


1. Stand in solidarity with Ukraine, its people, and its leaders during this brutal, unnecessary war;
2. Condemn, in the strongest possible terms, Vladimir Putin's violent attack on the sovereign nation and people of Ukraine and on its country's democratic principles;
3. Urge Russia to immediately cease its illegal and immoral assault upon Ukraine, end the needless bloodshed, and return to diplomacy and the rules-based international order allowing for peace and prosperity.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 16 day of March, 2022.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HINSDALE COUNTY, COLORADO**

By: 
Kristine Borchers, Chair

By: 
Gregory Levine, Vice Chair

By: 
Robert Hurd

ATTEST:


Joan Roberts, County Clerk & Recorder

