

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE AND URGENCY FOR CONTINUED
CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Since 2018, Russia has engaged in an escalating invasion of the sovereign land of Ukraine in violation of numerous international laws, causing the displacement of millions of Ukrainians; and

WHEREAS, This attack on Ukraine is the largest ground invasion on a European county since World War II; and

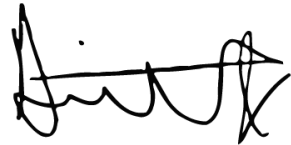
WHEREAS, With Chicago being home to over 35,000 residents of Ukrainian ancestry, the City of Chicago (City) recognizes the importance of fostering international support for Ukraine's war effort against Russia, and shows the Ukrainian residents of Chicago that we stand with them; and

WHEREAS, The people of Ukraine have demonstrated astounding resilience and a commitment to democracy in the face of the invasion, most recently enduring the largest aerial barrage of the war where 30 civilians were killed and 144 people were wounded; and

WHEREAS, Continuing to send financial and weapon support to Ukraine is vital in the protection of a sovereign country and sends a strong message to Russia and to the world; now, therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago affirm our support for the people of Ukraine and their efforts to secure a stable and prosperous future, and urge Congress to take immediate action to approve funding that will allow the United States to continue sending the weapons and vital air defense systems Ukraine needs to protect its people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent to President Joseph R. Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and the Illinois Congressional delegation.



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