



28 Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and has since deepened its relationship with NATO,  
29 recognized as an Enhanced Opportunities Partner;

30 WHEREAS, on December 5, 1994, in an effort to solidify security commitments to  
31 Ukraine in return for its nuclear disarmament, the United States, the Russian Federation, and  
32 the United Kingdom signed the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances, whereby each  
33 country pledged to respect the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine's borders while  
34 refraining from the threat or use of force against Ukraine;

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

40 WHEREAS, at least 14,000 Ukrainians have been killed defending their homeland and  
41 millions more displaced since the conflict with Russia began;

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

44 WHEREAS, on February 23, 2022, the Russian military began a brutal assault on the  
45 people of Ukraine without provocation, justification, or necessity;

46 WHEREAS, this invasion was premeditated and planned by the Russian Federation,  
47 namely its President Vladimir Putin, for months;

48 WHEREAS, the Russian Federation has rejected every good-faith effort the United  
49 States and its Allies and partners made to address concerns through dialogue to avoid needless  
50 conflict and avert human suffering;

51 WHEREAS, to attempt to justify its invasion, the Russian Federation has made  
52 outlandish and baseless claims about Ukraine without any evidence;

53 WHEREAS, the Russian Federation has flagrantly violated international law in  
54 attempting to unilaterally create two new so-called republics on sovereign Ukrainian territory;  
55 and

56 WHEREAS, lasting peace and prosperity require respect for the sovereignty and  
57 territorial integrity of countries and respect for human rights:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the

59 Governor concurring therein, commends the courage, resolve, and restraint shown by the  
60 Ukrainian people in their pursuit of sovereignty and democracy, and pays tribute to the many  
61 men and women who gave their lives in pursuit of a free and democratic Ukraine.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor strongly  
63 denounce Russia's unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine and call upon the Russian  
64 Federation to immediately cease fire and vacate all areas of the sovereign territory of Ukraine.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support and stand  
66 in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and Ukraine's fight to defend its sovereignty, territorial  
67 integrity, and the freedom of its citizens.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the United  
69 States federal government and its allies to take substantive action to punish the Russian  
70 Federation for its evil actions and restore peace in Europe.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the United  
72 States federal government and its allies to provide humanitarian relief to those suffering in  
73 Ukraine.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage unity  
75 among NATO allies and the broader transatlantic community to convey solidarity in response  
76 to Russia's unprovoked military aggression against Ukraine.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the United  
78 States federal government and its allies to take every appropriate action to be energy and  
79 mineral independent.

80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the president of  
81 the United States and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.