
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING RUSSIA'S DEADLY PRESENCE IN UKRAINE AND STRONGLY
URGING THE WITHDRAWAL OF RUSSIAN TROOPS FROM THAT SOVEREIGN
NATION.

1 WHEREAS, Ukraine (formerly and less properly known as "The
2 Ukraine") has been an independent republic and separate from
3 Russia since the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991; and
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5 WHEREAS, Ukraine is a unitary state composed of twenty-four
6 provinces and the autonomous republic of Crimea; and
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8 WHEREAS, Ukraine is home to two cities with special status:
9 Kiev, its capital and largest city, and Sevastopol, a strategic
10 naval point; and
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12 WHEREAS, the port of Sevastopol is a major naval base and
13 home to the Black Sea Russian Fleet, which was divided between
14 Russia and Ukraine after the fall of the Soviet Union; and
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16 WHEREAS, continued presence of the Russian Fleet in
17 Sevastopol has highly intensified tensions between Ukraine and
18 Russia, which have been ongoing since the division of the Black
19 Sea Fleet; and
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21 WHEREAS, in November 2013, crisis erupted when Ukraine's
22 then-president Viktor Yanukovich rejected a far-reaching trade
23 and association pact with the European Union, preferring instead
24 a Russian loan bailout and closer ties with Moscow; and
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26 WHEREAS, after Yanukovich's rejection of an European Union
27 association agreement and aid to Ukraine, peaceful protests and
28 the occupation of Kiev's Independence Square, dubbed
29 "Euromaidan" by young pro-European Union Ukrainians ensued; and



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2 WHEREAS, peaceful protests turned deadly in January 2014;
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5 WHEREAS, on February 22, 2014, members of Ukraine's
6 Parliament found that Yanukovych was unable to fulfill his
7 duties, and set an election for May 25, 2014, to determine his
8 replacement; Yanukovych was later disowned by his own party; and
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10 WHEREAS, Yanukovych had actually left Kiev the day before,
11 on February 21, 2014, fleeing first to Crimea, then to southern
12 Russia; warrant for his arrest was issued, accusing him of the
13 mass murder of protesters; and
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15 WHEREAS, on March 1, 2014, Russian troops seized control
16 over most of the Crimean peninsula of Ukraine; and
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18 WHEREAS, Russia's Parliament approved the use of the
19 Russian military in Ukraine, while Russian officials continued
20 to claim that the presence of their military forces in Crimea
21 was not a breach of existing agreements between Russia and
22 Ukraine; and
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24 WHEREAS, Ukraine's new government has deemed the aggressive
25 posture of Russia's military "an act of aggression" to Ukrainian
26 sovereignty, and the United States has condemned Russia's clear
27 violation of Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity as
28 "a breach of international law"; and
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30 WHEREAS, since the conflict began, ninety persons have died
31 and over seventy-nine have been hospitalized, including minors
32 and police, according to Ukraine's Ministry of Healthcare; now,
33 therefore,
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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
36 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
37 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that this body condemns
38 Russia's invasion of Ukraine and strongly urges the immediate
39 withdrawal of Russian troops from that sovereign nation; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the nations of Ukraine and
 2 Russia are urged to reach a peaceful resolution in order to
 3 prevent a full-scale conflict and any more loss of innocent
 4 life; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
 8 United States, the United States Secretary of State, the United
 9 States Ambassador to Ukraine, the President Pro Tempore of the
 10 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
 11 Representatives, and members of Hawaii's Congressional
 12 delegation.
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