

**Resolution No. R-022- 039**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN  
SOVEREIGNTY AND FIRMLY STATING THAT DOUGLAS COUNTY STANDS ON  
THE SIDE OF FREEDOM AND INDIVIDUAL SELF-DETERMINATION AND SELF-  
GOVERNANCE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners stands for freedom and the right of the Ukrainian people to pursue and maintain their own self-determination and independence from military aggression and oppression from Russia; and

**WHEREAS**, after years of oppression, in 1991, Ukraine gained its independence from the Soviet Union's totalitarian dictatorship; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 1, 1991, more than 90 percent of Ukrainian citizens voted for their nation's independence, formalizing their break with Russia and overwhelmingly expressing the people's desire to be free; and

**WHEREAS**, in the decades since, Russia has rejected good-faith efforts made to address concerns through dialogue to avoid needless conflict and avert human suffering, opting instead for violence and violations of international law; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 2022, Russia launched an unprovoked large-scale military invasion of Ukraine and thereby deprived the people of Ukraine their rights to be free of unprovoked violence and their nation of the right to be free from unprovoked invasion; and

**WHEREAS**, Ukraine is a proud and honorable nation under siege, and the brutality of this unnecessary and violent war is an affront to both international law and common decency; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Douglas County and the Board of County Commissioners are committed to the spreading of peace, democracy, and freedom worldwide;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO** declares solidarity with the people of Ukraine and our Ukrainian brothers and sisters here in the United States and calls for the end of hostilities in Ukraine; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners commends the courage and resolve shown by the Ukrainian people in their pursuit of sovereignty and democracy, and pays tribute to the many men and women who gave their lives in pursuit of a free and democratic Ukraine; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners stands ready to welcome and support Ukrainians who believe in freedom and liberty and are seeking refuge until it's safe to return to their homeland.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 12th day of April 2022, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

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