

1 A MEMORIAL

2 SUPPORTING UKRAINE AGAINST RUSSIAN AGGRESSION AND URGING
3 RUSSIA TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE ITS ATTACK.

4 WHEREAS, following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the
5 Ukrainian people voted overwhelmingly to form a nation
6 independent from Russia and built a thriving democratic
7 country grounded in the rule of law and led by democratically
8 elected President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Prime Minister
9 Denys Shmyhal; and

10 WHEREAS, Ukraine is recognized as a peaceful and
11 honorable democratic republic; and

12 WHEREAS, the Russian Federation annexed territory from
13 Ukraine in 2014 and instigated, supported and supplied a
14 deadly separatist war in eastern Ukraine that has
15 destabilized the region and killed thousands of civilians;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Vladimir Putin told his own people and the
18 global community that Ukraine posed a threat and had false
19 connections with Nazi political leaders in order to create a
20 pretext for an invasion and occupation of Ukraine; and

21 WHEREAS, the Russian Federation violated international
22 peace and security agreements that would have provided a
23 peaceful solution in Ukraine and instead invaded Ukraine on
24 February 24, 2022, launching an unprovoked war; and

25 WHEREAS, Russia has targeted and destroyed residential

1 structures, hospitals, schools, energy grids, water systems,
2 businesses and critical infrastructure that support Ukrainian
3 life through the use of missiles, rockets, bombs, drones and
4 other means of targeted and indiscriminate destruction; and

5 WHEREAS, Russia has damaged Ukrainian cultural
6 institutions, religious sites and heritage; and

7 WHEREAS, Russia has committed potential violations of
8 human rights and international humanitarian law; and

9 WHEREAS, Russia's war on Ukraine has disrupted
10 international economies, resources and food supplies and
11 negatively impacted the environment; and

12 WHEREAS, in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine,
13 the United States has galvanized the international community
14 to impose sanctions on Russia and provide Ukraine with
15 equipment to defend its territory and people; and

16 WHEREAS, as the leaders, military and citizens of
17 Ukraine continue to valiantly stand up and fight against
18 Russia's invasion, Ukraine deserves the continued support of
19 the international community;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the members of the legislature
22 proudly stand in solidarity with Ukraine, its people and its
23 leaders, and commend them for their resiliency, courage and
24 relentless fight to protect their right to self-determination
25 and self-governance; and

