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10 A MEMORIAL

11 SUPPORTING UKRAINE AGAINST RUSSIAN AGGRESSION AND URGING RUSSIA  
12 TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE ITS ATTACK.  
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14 WHEREAS, following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the  
15 Ukrainian people voted overwhelmingly to form a nation  
16 independent from Russia and built a thriving democratic country  
17 grounded in the rule of law and led by democratically elected  
18 President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Ukraine is recognized as a peaceful and honorable  
21 democratic republic; and

22 WHEREAS, the Russian Federation annexed territory from  
23 Ukraine in 2014 and instigated, supported and supplied a deadly  
24 separatist war in eastern Ukraine that has destabilized the  
25 region and killed thousands of civilians; and

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

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

9           WHEREAS, Russia has targeted and destroyed residential  
10 structures, hospitals, schools, energy grids, water systems,  
11 businesses and critical infrastructure that support Ukrainian  
12 life through the use of missiles, rockets, bombs, drones and  
13 other means of targeted and indiscriminate destruction; and

14           WHEREAS, Russia has damaged Ukrainian cultural  
15 institutions, religious sites and heritage; and

16           WHEREAS, Russia has committed potential violations of  
17 human rights and international humanitarian law; and

18           WHEREAS, Russia's war on Ukraine has disrupted  
19 international economies, resources and food supplies and  
20 negatively impacted the environment; and

21           WHEREAS, in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine,  
22 the United States has galvanized the international community to  
23 impose sanctions on Russia and provide Ukraine with equipment  
24 to defend its territory and people; and

25           WHEREAS, as the leaders, military and citizens of Ukraine

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1 continue to valiantly stand up and fight against Russia's  
2 invasion, Ukraine deserves the continued support of the  
3 international community;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
5 OF NEW MEXICO that the members of the legislature proudly stand  
6 in solidarity with Ukraine, its people and its leaders, and  
7 commend them for their resiliency, courage and relentless fight  
8 to protect their right to self-determination and self-  
9 governance; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the legislature  
11 condemn Russia for its attack and urge Russia to immediately  
12 cease its assault upon Ukraine, withdraw its troops and abide  
13 by the rules-based international legal regime; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the president of the United States, the  
16 secretary of state of the United States, the secretary of  
17 defense of the United States, the United States senate, the  
18 United States house of representatives, members of the New  
19 Mexico legislature and the Ukrainian embassy.