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Legislation Text

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To Acknowledge the Anniversary of the Invasion of Ukraine and to Express Solidarity with the Ukrainian Community of Central Ohio

WHEREAS, February 24th, 2022 marked the beginning of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which the United States Senate declared to be "unprovoked" and "unjustified;" and

WHEREAS, one year later, on February 24th, 2023, countless Ukrainians are still impacted by the ongoing fighting, having lost loved ones, fled their homes, and endured the trauma of war; and

WHEREAS, many Ukrainian refugees arrived in Central Ohio, joining a community of over 5,000 people of Ukrainian heritage in the Greater Columbus area and thousands more across the state; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, this Council passed Resolution 0037X-2022, welcoming the people of Ukraine to Columbus and affirming their right to self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the Ukrainian community in Ohio remains in the thoughts and prayers of our community; and

WHEREAS, this Council urges our federal leaders to continue to support those affected by the ongoing conflict and to work towards a speedy and peaceful resolution; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council acknowledges the anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, expresses solidarity with the Ukrainian community of Central Ohio, and stands with the people of Ukraine in their struggle for independence and democracy.