



DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF ORANGE COUNTY

Resolution #22-02-02

CONDEMNATION OF RUSSIA'S UNPROVOKED INVASION ON UKRAINE

WHEREAS, the Ukrainian people, in a quest for peace, voluntarily gave up their entire nuclear arsenal in 1991 and in return received assurances from both the west and Russia that their territorial integrity and national sovereignty would be invaluablely protected. Ukraine's national will for independence was clearly expressed in the 1991 referendum in which 28 million votes, 92% of the votes cast, were for independence, a sentiment that has only grown since. The Russian government has employed methods identical to those employed by the Nazi regime including false flag operations, specious rhetorical arguments about protecting their ethnic brothers and has, in bad faith, made a deliberate use of diplomacy to mask its premeditated and fully planned invasion and;

WHEREAS, the Russian government has made a perverted mockery of history in accusing a Jewish head of state and his administration of being Nazi's even as Russia pursues tactics that only have precedent in the conduct of Nazi Germany. American blood has twice been shed in world wars predicated on the same quest for territorial expansion and hegemony in Europe. The bloody history of European conquest was only stopped by a post-world order in which all European nations including Russia adhered to the principal that no nation could invade another in an attempt to change the borders or regime of that government and;

WHEREAS, Russia has now, and in the most violently unambiguous way, shattered the prohibition on wars of Conquest. Whereas Russia is an autocratic state attempting to overthrow and dominate a Ukrainian government that is sovereign, peaceful and popularly elected. We stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine who are now defending their homeland and sovereignty. We also stand with Russian people protesting against war in 54 Russian cities, whose protests have been met with mass arrests and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Orange County Veterans Democratic Club represents women and men who have served in the armed forces, many of them in combat, to protect peace from the very kind of aggression in which Russia is now engaged and who wish to speak with one voice in absolute opposition to Russian aggression and in support of President Biden's strong policies to contain Russian expansionism in Ukraine and beyond and;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Democratic Party of Orange County condemns in the strongest possible terms Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and call on Russia to cease its military action immediately and support the use of sanctions as penalties and to stop these attacks.

Submitted by the Orange County Veterans Democratic Club

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