

Maine Stands in Solidarity with Ukraine

WHEREAS, the State of Maine stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, especially Ukrainian Americans in Maine, in the face of this abhorrent, unprovoked assault on their country, their freedom, and their lives; and

WHEREAS, I support the aggressive sanctions by the Biden Administration and United States allies to punish Russia and President Vladimir Putin, to hold them accountable for the ongoing assault on Ukraine, and to provide assistance to the Ukrainian people in defending their lives, their livelihoods, and their democracy; and

WHEREAS, my Administration remains in touch with Federal agencies, Maine's Congressional Delegation, and others as we continue to monitor developments and gauge any potential impacts on Maine people and seek ways in which we can support the people of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, the people of Maine join those in the streets of New York City, Berlin, London, Milan, Sydney, and countless others, including those in Moscow who risk imprisonment and retaliation, in protest against Russian aggression and in support for Ukrainian people; and

WHEREAS, I join the people of Maine in wishing for a swift end to this senseless Russian-provoked violence and needless loss of life and join in praying for the innocent men, women, and children of Ukraine who only want to live their lives peacefully and free from the dictates of Russian President Vladimir Putin;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim solidarity with the people of Ukraine in their fight for freedom, I commend them for their strength, courage, and bravery, and I urge all citizens to express their support for those facing this unjustified attack on democracy and freedom today and every day throughout this conflict.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-eighth day of February Two Thousand Twenty-Two

> Janet T. Mills Governor

Shenna Bellows Secretary of State