

**Kentucky Association of Manufacturers
Second Quarter 2023 Meeting of the Board of Directors
Edmonton, Kentucky
June 22, 2023**

Resolution on Russia's Illegal Invasion of Ukraine

Whereas Russia's unprovoked and illegal invasion of Ukraine began on February 24, 2022, continues unabated, is estimated to have caused more than 350,000 deaths and injuries, and constitutes a clear and present danger to the safety and security of Europe and of the member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, of which the United States is a founding member; and,

Whereas Russian armed forces and mercenaries are waging war on Ukraine by continuously and indiscriminately attacking Ukraine's civilian population and infrastructure without regard for the safety of noncombatants as required by international law, causing devastation and human suffering on a scale unseen in Europe since the Second World War; and,

Whereas Russia's military campaign has included, according to Ukrainian and international authorities, tens of thousands of atrocities and war crimes; and,

Whereas Russia seeks to conquer Ukraine and replace its democratically elected government with one selected, controlled, and directed by Moscow, to turn Ukraine into a puppet state and to subjugate the Ukrainian people indefinitely; and,

Whereas Russia previously invaded Ukraine in 2014 and has illegally controlled Ukrainian territory and citizens in eastern Ukraine continuously since; and,

Whereas Russian President Vladimir Putin has repeatedly threatened the use of nuclear weapons in Russia's war against Ukraine; and,

Whereas Russian President Putin has been indicted by the International Criminal Court at the Hague for war crimes against the Ukrainian people; and,

Whereas Russia's illegal war on Ukraine has immense economic and humanitarian consequences in Europe and beyond, provoking a refugee flow of an estimated six million Ukrainians forced to flee their country for safety, raising energy costs, creating food shortages, and prompting increased production of weapons and other military goods needed by Ukraine; and,

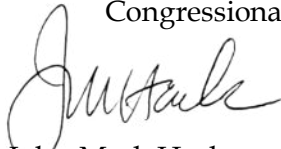
Whereas Kentuckians have a proud history of contributing to American security, international security, and the defense of freedom-loving people around the world, and Kentucky manufacturers are experiencing significant supply chain pressures and disruptions because of Russia's illegal war on Ukraine; and,

Whereas the industrial and manufacturing might of the United States - the American "Arsenal of Democracy" - saved the world from tyranny and fascism in the Second World War and is needed again in this moment in history to come to the aid of Ukraine; and,

Whereas the security, economic, and moral repercussions of a Ukrainian defeat by nuclear superpower Russia would be widespread and long-lasting, and would create new threats to freedom, self-determination, free enterprise, and economic progress in Europe and around the world: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, By the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers, at its meeting in Edmonton, Kentucky, on June 22, 2023, that:

- I. Ukraine's struggle is America's struggle, since the Ukrainian people's courageous fight to defeat Russia and save their nation is a fight to defend freedom and self-determination everywhere;
- II. It is in the utmost vital interest of the United States and the Free World that Ukraine prevails in its war to defend its citizens and its democracy from Russian aggression;
- III. The United States must do everything in its power to support the brave Ukrainian people by continuing to arm and otherwise financially support Ukraine, in concert with our allies, to ensure its victory and its rapid reconstruction and restoration; and
- IV. Copies of this resolution be conveyed forthwith to the President of the United States, the leadership of the Congress of the United States, and the members of Kentucky's Congressional Delegation.



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