

## RESOLUTION NO. 1

### **URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AGAINST RUSSIAN AGGRESSION BY DECLARING FEBRUARY 24, 2023, "REMEMBER UKRAINE DAY" IN HAWAII**

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, the military forces of Russia under the command of President Vladimir Putin attacked the peaceful neighboring country of Ukraine with an unprovoked invasion with the aim of undermining both the freedom of the Ukrainian people and subverting global movements for democracy; and

WHEREAS, as a Union committed to the values of human rights, human dignity, and human progress, we are deeply moved and concerned about the people of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that Russia has also attacked the United States of America by interfering in U.S. domestic politics to stir unrest, discord, and electoral strife, and that even in Hawaii, we are not detached from the effects of Russia's unchecked aspirations for subverting freedom; and

WHEREAS, the military conflict that is raging in Ukraine affects us all and represents a symbolic conflict between democracy or tyranny, and we must all stand with our brothers and sisters who are fighting for democracy; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 HGEA/AFSCME General Assembly urge the Hawaii State Legislature to show solidarity with the people of Ukraine against Russian aggression by declaring February 24, 2023, "Remember Ukraine Day" in Hawaii as an opportunity to reflect upon the ongoing conflict and to pray for peace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this day shall not be construed as an official state holiday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Speaker of the Hawaii State House of Representatives, the President of the Hawaii State Senate, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, and the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii.

SUBMITTED BY: Danny de Gracia (Unit 13)

Charter, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee recommends adoption

Yes ☒ No ☐

General Assembly adoption

Yes ☐ No ☐