

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND CONDEMNING THE RUSSIAN  
FEDERATION'S INVASION OF UKRAINE**

**WHEREAS**, on February 23, 2022, the Russian Federation announced a “special military operation” in Eastern Ukraine while a second emergency United Nation’s Security Council meeting was in session; and,

**WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation initiated its invasion of Ukraine involving ground and aerial attacks, which has resulted in thousands of injuries and deaths to Ukrainian civilian adults and children so far, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; and,

**WHEREAS**, on February 25, 2022, the United States and Albania, drafted a Resolution condemning the Russian Federation’s invasion of Ukraine, that was supported by 11 of 15 members of the United Nations’ Security Council, but the Resolution was vetoed by the Russian Federation with China, India and United Arab Emirates abstaining; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Resolution deplored, in the strongest terms, the Russian Federation’s aggression as being in violation of Article 2, paragraph 4 of the Charter of the United Nations — an obligation to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Resolution called on the Russian Federation to immediately cease its use of force against Ukraine, and withdraw all its military forces immediately, completely, and unconditionally from that country’s territory; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Resolution called upon all parties to allow and facilitate the rapid, safe, and unhindered access of humanitarian assistance to those in need, to protect civilians, including humanitarian personnel, and persons in vulnerable situations, including children; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Resolution urged continued efforts by the Secretary-General, Member States, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and other international and regional organizations, to support de-escalation in the current situation, as well as United Nations efforts to respond to the humanitarian and refugee crisis created by the Russian Federation’s aggression; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Benito, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, expresses its support for the people of Ukraine, strongly condemns the Russian Federation’s invasion of Ukraine, and urges the United States to continue to provide support to the Ukrainian government.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BENITO THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2022, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bea Gonzales, Chair

**ATTEST:**  
Jennifer Frechette, Clerk of the Board

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**  
San Benito County Counsel's Office

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Barbara Thompson  
Barbara Thompson, County Counsel  
Date: 3/1/22