

SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE

WHEREAS, the labor movement was founded on the principles of democracy and equality for all people. Democracy must be protected not only in our workplaces and nation but in countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine was not founded on security concerns but instead was designed to attack and undermine Ukraine's democratically elected government; and

WHEREAS, the Ukrainian people have endured unspeakable horrors of war caused by Russia's immoral invasion of their country. We continue to be awed by their courage in the face of this aggression, and their bravery and resilience inspires the world; and

WHEREAS, it's estimated more than 18 million Ukrainians are in need of humanitarian support, with more than 6 million displaced by the conflict; and

WHEREAS, millions have lost loved ones, livelihoods, homes and entire communities, including hospitals and schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED OPEIU condemns in the strongest terms possible the immoral and thoroughly unprovoked Russian assault on Ukraine, calling for an immediate withdrawal of all Russian troops from the Ukrainian territory and a complete cease fire; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED OPEIU has made a large financial donation to the people of Ukraine to buy needed relief supplies and pledges to continue to support the work of the global labor movement to meet the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine by raising additional funds and supplying needed goods; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED OPEIU urges all governments to cooperate through multilateral bodies to impose sanctions against Russia for its war crimes against Ukraine and encourages the divestment of all public pension funds with assets with ties to Russia.

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