



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, February 24, 2023, marks one year since Russia violated international law by launching a military invasion of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine has faced a hostile relationship with its neighbor, Russia, since Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity in 2014, where after the fact, Russia provided support for separatist fighters from Donetsk and Luhansk operating in the Donbas region and illegally annexed Crimea from Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, in March, Ohio Executive Order 22-02D took effect to prohibit the state from engaging in purchasing activity that would aid Russia in violating the rights of the Ukrainian people, and it orders all state agencies, boards, commissions, state educational institutions, and pension funds, to the extent practicable, to divest investments in, and terminate contracts with, Russian institutions or companies; and

WHEREAS, also in March, the Ohio Summit on Ukrainian Refugees brought together various organizations to ensure Ohio's readiness to help refugees; and

WHEREAS, in April, the Ohio Army National Guard began providing armored personnel carriers to Ukraine for use against Russian aggression and the Ohio Department of Public Safety led a collection of surplus and personal protective gear to donate to the Ukrainian civilian territorial, and more than two dozen law enforcement agencies in Ohio donated equipment; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is home to about 42,000 people of Ukrainian descent, with Parma being Ohio's largest Ukrainian community; and

WHEREAS, Ohio continues to stand by the people of Ukraine and welcomes Ukrainians who seek refuge here; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, *Mike DeWine and Jon Husted*, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize the

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE

on this 24th day of February 2023.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor