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## **R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, Chicago is a city of immigrants and home to people of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, Chicago is proud to be the home of thousands of people of Ukrainian birth and descent, who enrich our city by their dedication to democratic ideals, and by the preservation and presentation of their cultural heritage in many forms; and

**WHEREAS**, Ukraine has been a sovereign and independent nation-state since August 1991, when the Ukrainian parliament declared independence from the former Soviet Union, a decision ratified in a national plebiscite in December of that year; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2013 thousands of people gathered in Kiev, Ukraine's capital and its largest city, to protest the actions and policies of their elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, as demonstrations grew larger and more vocal, the government's response became increasingly harsh: acts of violence were perpetrated against demonstrators, acts ranging from abduction to beatings to use of rooftop snipers against unarmed demonstrators; and

**WHEREAS**, after weeks of confrontation and tension, the government came to terms with its opposition, agreeing to constitutional changes to restore the powers of parliament, a general amnesty, installation of an interim national unity government and national elections to be held in December of this year; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2014, the Ukrainian parliament voted to impeach then-president Viktor Yanukovich and to set presidential elections for May 25 of this year; and

**WHEREAS**, the next day the parliament selected an interim president, Olexander Turchynov, who ordered immediate formation of a national unity government in order to reduce tensions and to restore peace and order; and

**WHEREAS**, the interim prime minister and other members of the proposed national unity government appeared before the Ukrainian people on February 26; and

**WHEREAS**, the response of the Russian Federation to these events has been to authorize mobilization of Russian troops, to occupy government buildings in the capital of Ukraine's Crimea, to seize control over airports and seaport facilities in Crimea, to order additional troops to the Ukrainian Russian border, to demand the surrender of Ukrainian naval troops in the Ukrainian port of Sevastopol and to assert that Mr. Yanukovich, who fled Ukraine and was impeached, is still that country's president; and

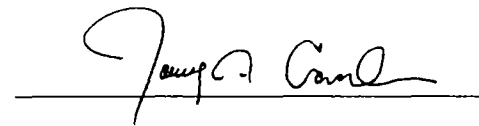
**WHEREAS**, the Russian occupation of Ukrainian territory and threats against the forces and people of Ukraine are blatant violations of international law and the standards of conduct of civilized nations; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 5th day of March, 2014, do hereby call on the government of the United States to stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and their legitimate government by supporting them in this time of crisis through all diplomatic, technical and non-military means available; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call on the government of the Russian Federation to cease and desist from its threatening stance toward Ukraine and from to stop immediately Russia's provocative acts in Crimea; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call on the civilized nations of the world to honor the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine through all appropriate diplomatic and technical means; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Consulate General of Ukraine in Chicago, as a sign of our support for and solidarity with the legitimate democratic aspirations of the Ukrainian people and their legitimate government.



Alderman, 12th Ward