

Student Body Senate
Florida International University
Miami, Florida

S.R. 02 008

*A RESOLUTION TO STAND WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND CONDEMNATION
OF RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN AND BELARUSSIAN PRESIDENT
ALEXANDER LUKASHENKO*

IN THE SENATE

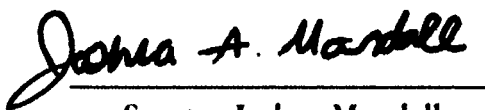
March 28, 2022

Senator Joshua Mandall, Senator Alexander Sutton, Senator Manuel Soltero Rivera, Senator Joshua Lovo-Morales, and Senator Cristhofer Lugo, presented the following resolution, which was presented on the Senate floor:

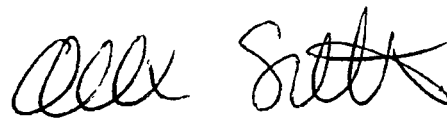
A RESOLUTION

To stand with the people of Ukraine to support students affected by the war in Ukraine, and to condemn Russian President Vladimir Putin and Belarussian President Alexander Lukashenko.

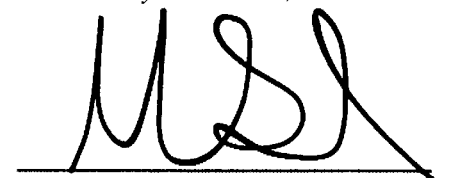
Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University assembled,




Senator Joshua Mandall



Senator Alexander Sutton



Senator Manuel Soltero Rivera



Senator Joshua Lovo-Morales



Senator Cristhofer Lugo

Whereas, the Russo-Ukrainian War began February 20th, 2014, with the temporary occupation of
Crimea by the Russian Federation and Russian President Vladimir Putin supporting Pro-Russian
Ukrainian Separatist forces in the Donbas region of Eastern Ukraine,

Whereas, the Russo-Ukrainian War, notably the War in Donbas, that began April 6th, 2014, has
led to over 14,000 deaths prior to the February 24th, 2022, invasion of Ukraine,

Whereas, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Belarussian President Alexander Lukashenko
lied to the international community about the true intentions of their joint military exercises in
February of 2022 and used it as a means of mobilization for invasion,

Whereas, on February 21st, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin recognized the Donetsk and
Luhansk People's Republics in the Donbas region and deployed Russian military units to be
“Peacekeepers” in these breakaway republics,

Whereas, on February 24th, 2022, President Putin ordered the armed forces of the Russian
Federation to invade Ukraine,

Whereas, over 3.2 million Ukrainians have fled into neighboring nations as refugees,

Whereas, many of the casualties of this conflict have been Ukrainian civilians,

Whereas, this conflict is a humanitarian crisis that requires a swift and peaceful resolution,

Whereas, President Vladimir Putin has to end the invasion of Ukraine and withdraw all Russian
military forces from Ukraine,

Whereas, President Vladimir Putin needs to recognize Ukraine’s sovereignty and honor the
1994 Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances,

Whereas, the Student Government Association of Florida International University reinforces
interim President Jessell’s message regarding Ukraine on March 2nd, 2022,

Whereas, the Student Government Association of Florida International University stands with
the people of Ukraine,

Whereas, the Student Government Association also recognizes and supports the Russian people
protesting the Russian invasion of Ukraine,

Whereas, the Student Government Association condemns Russian President Vladimir Putin and
the government of the Russian Federation for their aggression by invading Ukraine,

Whereas, the Student Government Association condemns Belarussian President Alexander
Lukashenko and the government of the Republic of Belarus for assisting the Russian Federation
in their invasion of Ukraine,

Whereas, the Student Government Association condemns Russian President Putin for his Antisemitic rhetoric calling the Ukrainian President, Volodymyr Zelensky, a Jew and descendant of holocaust survivors, a Nazi for one of President Putin's justifications for war,

Whereas, the Student Government Association condemns the Russian military for repeatedly violating ceasefires and using death squads and artillery to purposefully kill civilians and humanitarian aid workers along humanitarian corridors,

Whereas, the Student Government Association condemns the Russian military for killing journalists,

Whereas, the Student Government Association condemns the Russian military for the massacres on civilian populations in Bucha, Irpin, and other parts of Ukraine,

Whereas, this resolution supports tangible, actionable change for the FIU students affected by the war in Ukraine,

Whereas, this resolution stands in support all international students whose livelihoods have been affected by the war in Ukraine,

Whereas, the Student Government Association encourages students and the wider community to help support fellow students affected by the Russo-Ukrainian War and to donate to credible non-profits and/or non-governmental organizations that provide direct assistance to refugees fleeing from the Russian invasion of Ukraine,

Whereas, the Student Government Association, in order to further its commitment to those affected by the War in Ukraine, will host events partnered with credible non-profits and/or Non-Governmental Organizations to gather resources to assist refugees,

Whereas, the Student Government Association advocates for affected international students to be given tuition waivers and/or any form of financial assistance so they can continue being students at Florida International University,

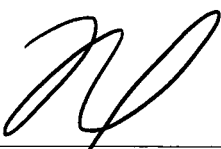
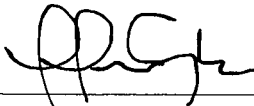
Whereas, the Student Government Association additionally advocates for collaboration with Housing and Residential Life for these affected students facing housing insecurity,

Now Therefore, The Senate of the Student Body Resolves that it stands with the people of Ukraine and condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine and aims to support students affected by this conflict and condemns the Russian President Vladimir Putin and Belarussian President Alexander Lukashenko.

Now Therefore, The Senate of the Student Body additionally resolves that it stands with the students affected by the conflict in Ukraine and strongly encourages FIU administration to offer tuition waivers to all students who find themselves in financial crisis due to the conflict.

Senate Resolution Transmission Form

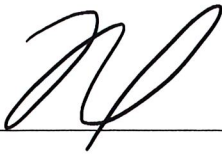
This Resolution is presented by the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University presiding in its second session in the year 2022. It is presented by the Senate President Pro-Tempore and affixed with the signature of the Senate President. Both the Senate President and the Senate President Pro-Tempore affirm that the information presented below is accurate and that the resolution has successfully passed in the Senate of the Student Body. The resolution is presented on this day and this hour for signature or veto.

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Date Introduced:	03/09/2022		
Committees Assigned	Rules and Administration <i>Committee 1</i>	Student Life and Academic Concerns <i>Committee 2</i>	Committee Name <i>Committee 3</i>
Vote in Committee 1	3 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote in Committee 2	3 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote in Committee 3	0 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote on the Senate Floor	16 <i>For</i>	1 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
 _____ Signature of the Senate President		 _____ Signature of the Senate President Pro-Tempore	

Presidential Signature of a Senate Resolution

On This day, at this time, and in this place, The Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University does hereby present this resolution to the desk of the President of the Student Body for Signature or Veto. The Senate has passed this resolution and all its accompaniments, in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes of the Student Government Association at Florida International University. It is presented in good faith, whereas the officers of the Senate have affixed their Signatures to affirm that the resolution has followed due procedure and is valid. The Senate will await your decision.

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Nicolas Pastrana, Senate President



Mariapaz Grijalba, Senate President Pro-Tempore



Cristhofer Lugo, Senate Floor Leader



Alexander A. Rubido, Student Body President



Approved

Vetoed