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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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

**SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATE RESOLUTION 378 AND CONDEMNING  
RUSSIAN MILITARY AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE**

Introduced By: Senators Walaska, Felag, McCaffrey, Lynch, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 25, 2014

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

1           WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders are eminently proud and fiercely protective of individuals'  
2 freedoms and human rights; and as a nation we espouse our obligation to provide the leadership,  
3 support, and the necessary strength to uphold our global responsibilities and defend and safeguard  
4 the rights of people from all nations; and

5           WHEREAS, In a clear and unprovoked violation of the government of Ukraine's  
6 sovereignty and territorial integrity, Russian military forces breached international law and  
7 infringed on Ukraine's state border; and

8           WHEREAS, The continued occupation of Crimea constitutes a serious threat to peaceful  
9 and democratic development of the region, as well as to global security and stability; and

10          WHEREAS, Nations and governments around the globe have called on Russia to  
11 immediately withdraw its troops to the areas where they were permanently stationed on the basis  
12 of bilateral agreements for armed forces stationed in Crimea; and

13          WHEREAS, Senate Resolution 378, introduced in the United States Senate on March 11<sup>th</sup>  
14 of 2014, entitled "A resolution condemning illegal Russian aggression in Ukraine" calls for "swift  
15 and significant consequences" and the use of "appropriate economic and diplomatic measures  
16 against those responsible for the illegal seizure of Crimea"; now, therefore be it

17          RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
18 hereby strongly supports United States Senate Resolution 378 and condemns Russian military  
19 aggression against Ukraine; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to President Barack Obama, and Rhode Island's  
3 Congressional Delegation.

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