

A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



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ALDERMAN GEORGE A. CARDENAS, ALDERMAN ARIEL REBOYRAS,
Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL *on* APRIL 2, 2014

Whereas , Ukraine has been a sovereign and independent nation-state since August of 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 of 2013, thousands of people gathered in Kyiv, 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, ranging from abduction to beatings to use of rooftop snipers, were perpetrated against unarmed demonstrators; and

WHEREAS, On February 22, 2014, the Ukrainian parliament voted to impeach then president Viktor F. Yanukovich and to set presidential elections for May 25 of this year. 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, Within a week of the formation of the national unity government, Russian special operations troops moved with breathtaking speed to seize control of strategic locations across Crimea, where Russia has a major military base; and

WHEREAS, Local authorities in Crimea, acting in violation of well-established principles of international law, moved to declare independence from Ukraine and to schedule a referendum on joining Russia; and