

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Condemning Violence and Violations of Law – Russian Federation in Ukraine**

3 FOR the purpose of condemning the actions of the Russian Federation in Ukraine.

4 WHEREAS, On January 12, 1951, the Convention on the Prevention and  
5 Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (commonly known as the “Genocide Convention”), of  
6 which the Russian Federation is a party, came into effect; and

7 WHEREAS, On February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation escalated its  
8 80–year–long occupation of sovereign Ukrainian territory by launching an unprovoked  
9 large–scale invasion of Ukraine; and

10 WHEREAS, On March 9, 2022, Russian forces attacked a maternity hospital in  
11 Mariupol, Ukraine, resulting in the deaths of five individuals and injuries to 17 other  
12 individuals; and

13 WHEREAS, Forcibly transferring children of one group to another group is a  
14 violation of Article II(e) of the Genocide Convention; and

15 WHEREAS, Maria Lvova–Belova, Children’s Rights Commissioner for the President  
16 of Russia, admitted to abducting and forcibly transferring Ukrainian children and  
17 facilitating forced adoptions to Russian families; and

18 WHEREAS, Ukrainian authorities have stated that a number of the abducted and  
19 forcibly transferred Ukrainian children have families who remain in Ukraine, but have  
20 been separated due to the renewed Russian invasion; and

21 WHEREAS, On June 16, 2022, Russian authorities announced that children born in  
22 occupied Ukrainian territories after the February 24, 2022, invasion will be deemed  
23 Russian citizens; and



1 WHEREAS, On July 11, 2022, United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres  
2 ordered an investigation into the deaths and injuries of Ukrainian children; and

3 WHEREAS, On July 13, 2022, then–Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken issued a  
4 statement calling upon Russia to “immediately halt its systemic filtration operations in  
5 Ukraine”, which have caused the disappearance, detention, or forcible deportation of  
6 between 900,000 and 1,600,000 Ukrainians; and

7 WHEREAS, On February 14, 2023, a report by the Yale School of Public Health  
8 Humanitarian Research Lab identified at least 32 facilities in Russia–occupied Crimea or  
9 Russia involved in systematic academic, cultural, patriotic, and military re–education of  
10 Ukrainian children; and

11 WHEREAS, On January 25, 2025, then–Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs  
12 Committee Michael T. McCaul stated that more than 260,000 children have been abducted  
13 by Russia, citing U.S. intelligence estimates; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General  
15 Assembly declares that the abduction and forcible transfer of children and facilitation of  
16 illegal adoptions is contrary to Russia’s obligations under the Genocide Convention and  
17 amounts to genocide; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly further declares that the Russian  
19 Federation is attempting to wipe out a generation of Ukrainian children, thereby impeding  
20 Ukraine’s ability to nurture the next generation of Ukrainian citizens and leaders and to  
21 rebuild their country after Russia’s unprovoked war, with the purpose of demolishing  
22 Ukraine’s unique language, culture, history, and identity; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly notes with concern that the invasion of  
24 Ukraine by the Russian Federation has significantly increased the risks of children being  
25 exposed to human trafficking, exploitation, child labor, gender–based violence, hunger,  
26 injury, trauma, deprivation of education, deprivation of shelter, and even death; and be it  
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly holds the government of the Russian  
29 Federation, under the leadership of Vladimir Putin, responsible for the wrongful and illegal  
30 abduction, forced transfer, and subsequent illegal adoption and indoctrination of children  
31 from Ukraine; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly officially condemns these actions in the  
33 strongest terms; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
35 Legislative Services to the Governor of Maryland; the President of the Senate of Maryland;  
36 and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.