EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-6-22

WHEREAS California has a strong commitment to fundamental rights and freedoms at home and around the world; and

WHEREAS the Russian Federation (Russia) has mounted aggressive, unlawful, and violent actions against Ukraine and its people, flouting these fundamental rights and freedoms; and

WHEREAS Russia's attacks on Ukraine and its people have significantly escalated since 2014, despite significant diplomatic efforts by the United States and its partners and allies to stop Russian aggression; and

WHEREAS on February 21, 2022, United States President Joseph R. Biden Jr. issued Executive Order 14065 finding that Russia's purported recognition of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic or Luhansk People's Republic regions of Ukraine contradicts Russia's commitments under the 2014 Minsk cessation of hostility agreements and further threatens the peace, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS Executive Order 14065 expands upon a number of previous Executive Orders related to Russia's mounting actions to undermine the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, including Executive Orders 13660, 13661, 13662, 13685, and 13849, and further federal actions may follow; and

WHEREAS on February 24, 2022, Russia launched a large-scale invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine and continues to conduct a lawless assault on the Ukrainian government and people; and

WHEREAS California joins the United States and other nations, states, and localities in condemning Russia's attacks on Ukraine and its people as an assault on fundamental international rules and norms that have prevailed since the Second World War; and

WHEREAS President Biden and American allies and partners around the world have announced significant economic sanctions on key Russian institutions and banks and on the architects of this war of choice, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, among others; and

WHEREAS California is proud to be home to one of the largest Ukrainian populations in the United States, and continues to stand with the government and people of Ukraine, who have fought with incredible bravery to defend their country and freedom; and

WHEREAS California supports President Biden's efforts to hold Russia accountable for violating Ukrainian sovereignty, for its disregard for the lives and well-being of the Ukrainian people, and for its hostility to freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS thousands of Russian citizens have courageously taken to the streets to protest their government's lawless invasion of Ukraine, and many

Californian immigrants from Russia and Californians of Russian descent have marched in solidarity with these Russian protestors; and

WHEREAS California's National Guard and the U.S. government have had a nearly three-decade relationship with Ukraine working to support its Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Interior, and Armed Forces by providing military equipment and training as well as humanitarian assistance, from helping to renovate schools and providing school supplies to volunteering at orphanages; and

WHEREAS over the last twenty years, the Office of Emergency Services, along with the California National Guard and the California Emergency Medical Services Authority, has provided training and conducted exercises with the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense and Armed Forces on utilizing the Emergency Management and Incident Command System; and

WHEREAS California, which has a long history of welcoming Ukrainian and other refugees, will continue to support resettlement, in partnership with the federal government, of those seeking safety and freedom from Russia's aggression in Ukraine; and

WHEREAS according to UN agencies, Russian aggression since 2014 has internally displaced 1.5 million Ukrainians, caused an estimated 50,000 casualties, and destabilized the region, and its recent invasion of Ukraine threatens to create Europe's largest refugee crisis in decades, with more than a million refugees fleeing Ukraine in the last week; and

WHEREAS many companies in California have taken steps to limit economic transactions with Russia and Russian entities, to combat misinformation about Russia's actions in Ukraine, and to support the government and people of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS California calls upon businesses, non-governmental organizations, and public entities in the State to review their investments and contracts to ensure their compliance with economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law (collectively, economic sanctions), and to take actions to support the Ukrainian government and people, including by refraining from new investments in, and financial transactions with, Russian institutions or companies that are headquartered or have their principal place of business in Russia (Russian entities), not transferring technology to Russia or Russian entities, and directly providing support to the government and people of Ukraine.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies and departments subject to my authority shall review all contracts for commodities, services, and technology to determine whether they comply with existing economic sanctions; and

2. All agencies and departments subject to my authority shall terminate any contracts with any individuals or entities that are determined to be a target of economic sanctions, and shall refrain from entering into any new contracts with such individuals or entities while economic sanctions are in effect; and

3. All agencies and departments subject to my authority shall notify all contractors and grantees of their obligations to comply with economic sanctions within 45 days of this Order, and the Department of General Services and the Department of Technology shall provide guidance on such communications within 14 days of this Order; and

4. All agencies and departments subject to my authority shall direct grantees, and contractors with agreements valued at $5 million or more, to report to the agency or department regarding their compliance with economic sanctions; and

5. All agencies and departments subject to my authority shall direct all grantees, and contractors with agreements valued at $5 million or more, to report on steps they have taken in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, including, but not limited to, desisting from making new investments in, or engaging in financial transactions with, Russian entities, not transferring technology to Russia or Russian entities, and directly providing support to the government and people of Ukraine; and

6. The Department of General Services and Department of Technology shall issue procurement guidance to agencies and departments regarding compliance with economic sanctions and supporting Ukrainian businesses to the extent permitted by state law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 4th day of March 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State