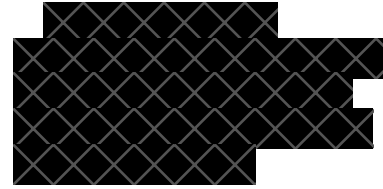


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#StandWithUkraine

Activists From Across the US Gather at Lincoln Memorial to Honor Fallen Heroes and Urge US Action

Ukraine supporters to take part in the eighth annual vigil honoring fallen heroes of the 2013-14 Revolution of Dignity, and to petition President Biden for a stronger stance in deterring Russia.

Washington, D.C. – More than 300 supporters and friends of Ukraine from across the US will gather at the **Lincoln Memorial on Sunday, February 20 at 2:00PM** to honor fallen Ukrainian heroes during the 2013-14 Revolution of Dignity and the thousands of fallen heroes of Russia’s ongoing war against Ukraine. Following the vigil will be a rally and a peaceful march to the White House held in unison with members of the Belarusian, Georgian, Kazakh, and Baltic communities. The objectives of this event are to demand an end to Russia’s war in Ukraine and the occupation of Crimea along with other territories in Donbas, eastern Ukraine—as well as the release of all Ukrainian citizens unjustly imprisoned by Russia, including Crimean Tatars.

The rally will specifically petition the Biden Administration to:

- Enact potent sanctions including stopping Nord Stream 2 in response to Russia’s aggression in Ukraine and its failure to de-escalate and withdraw its forces from the Ukrainian border.
- Prepare and announce further crippling sanctions, such as cutting Russia off from SWIFT, which would trigger immediately upon further invasion of Ukraine.
- Continue sending Ukraine sufficient quantities of effective weapons to enable Ukrainians to defend their territorial integrity and independence.

In response to Russia’s 2014 invasion of Ukraine, the US and its allies instituted economic sanctions. Unfortunately, these existing sanctions have not prevented Vladimir Putin from continuing this war, which has claimed more than 14,000 lives. Much stronger sanctions need to be prepared and publicly announced in order to act as a deterrent to further Russian invasion.

The Ukrainian people and armed forces are firmly committed to defending themselves against any threat to their democracy and independence. However, to stand up to Russia, Ukraine needs continued support—particularly anti-armor systems, air defense and coastal defense. The US recently provided Ukraine several hundred more Javelin anti-tank missiles and other aid but many experts see this as only a partial deterrent against the troops, modern tanks and aircraft Russia has in place.

Speakers invited include former US ambassadors to Ukraine, senior US diplomats, and prominent members of the Ukrainian diaspora and community.

Stand With Ukraine: Day of Solidarity in Washington, D.C.--Event Schedule

2:00PM-3:00PM: Commemoration and vigil	Lincoln Memorial
3:00PM-4:00PM: Rally with speakers and performances	Lincoln Memorial
4:00PM-5:00PM: Peaceful march	Lincoln Memorial to the White House

FB EVENT: <https://www.facebook.com/events/s/stand-with-ukraine-day-of-soli/481647289975972>

Organizers: United Help Ukraine, US Ukrainian Activists, Razom for Ukraine, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Ukrainian American Veterans and members of the Ukrainian diaspora

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