

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Executive Order 22-03

Condemning the Russian Government's Aggression against Ukraine and Supporting the People of Ukraine by Ending Support to Russian Entities

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

On February 24, 2022, at the direction of President Vladimir Putin, Russian military forces attacked Ukraine, an independent, sovereign, democratic state. This aggression was unprovoked and unlawful. President Biden recently announced significant sanctions against Russia, including cutting off Russian financial institutions' access to global banking systems, disallowing certain technology exports to key Russian sectors, and barring Russian state-owned companies from raising money in United States markets.

Minnesota stands firmly with Ukraine and strongly condemns the Russian government's actions. Our state agencies are significant purchasers of goods and services, and we seek to ensure that their actions do not aid the Russian government's aggression against Ukraine. With this Executive Order, Minnesota joins several other states that have recently taken action to oppose Russia's aggression against Ukraine. I encourage individuals, companies, and organizations throughout Minnesota to assess their own ties to Russian entities.

I urge all people in Minnesota to support their Ukrainian neighbors and donate to organizations supporting Ukrainian humanitarian efforts. I also urge Minnesotans to support our fellow Russian Minnesotans, many of whom are horrified and alarmed by the Russian government's aggression toward Ukraine.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. For the purposes of this Executive Order, the terms below are defined as follows:
 - a. "Russian entity" means an institution or company that is headquartered in the Russian Federation or has its principal place of business in the Russian Federation.

- b. “State agencies” means the departments and agencies listed in Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 15.06, subdivision 1, as well as the Office of Higher Education and the Department of Military Affairs.
2. All state agencies must review their existing contracts to determine if they have any existing contracts with Russian entities.
3. All state agencies must:
 - a. Terminate existing contracts with Russian entities as practicable; and
 - b. Refrain from entering into contracts with Russian entities unless the head of the state agency determines that there is no suitable alternative.
4. State entities not covered by this Executive Order are strongly encouraged to review their existing contracts, terminate contracts with Russian entities, and avoid future contracts with Russian entities.
5. Nothing in this Executive Order is intended to require or encourage state agencies to terminate or avoid contracts with Minnesota companies or other domestic entities, or to relieve state agencies of any obligations under applicable laws, rules, or regulations related to contracting and procurement.

This Executive Order is effective fifteen days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State. It will remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or until it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 4.035, subdivision 3.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on March 4, 2022.



Tim Walz
Governor

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