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Blue and Yellow Lights Shine On Hunterdon Courthouse To Signal Support For Ukraine's People

Lanza: 'No County Purchases Of Any Russian Company Products'

The Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse in Flemington will be bathed in blue and yellow, the colors of the flag of Ukraine, joining with governments, organizations, and people throughout the nation and the world in symbolically opposing the Russian invasion of the country and in support of the courageous people of Ukraine, County Board of Commissioners Director John E. Lanza has announced.

Lanza said, "Here in Hunterdon County, where we always patriotically stand with the red, white and blue, today we will also be standing with the blue and yellow of Ukraine and praying for the people of that nation, who are demonstrating great bravery and resolve, while facing the horror and destruction of war.

The unprovoked attack authorized by Russian President Vladimir Putin is morally wrong, unjustified, and the most heinous act against the rights of a free and independent people in this century."

Lanza directed that the Historic Courthouse, the site of the famous 1935 Lindbergh baby kidnapping trial, be lit each evening in the blue and yellow colors of the Ukrainian Flag.

The Hunterdon Courthouse joins many other venues around the state, including the 'Trenton Makes The World Takes' sign on the bridge over the Delaware River, the 156-foot-tall Giant Wheel at Morey's Piers in Wildwood, the ball atop Ocean Casino Resort in Atlantic City, and even Frenchtown's National Hotel in being lit up in the colors of the Ukrainian flag.

Lanza also announced, "I have also directed, on the behalf of the Board of Commissioners, that the County's Purchasing Division ensures no county purchases are made of any products produced in Russia or by Russian companies in this country or anywhere in the world."

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Lanza added, "Beyond these actions, I encourage all who wish to demonstrate their support for Ukraine and its people to find an appropriate charity to support."

St. Michael The Archangel Ukrainian Church in Hillsborough is collecting donations for humanitarian relief. More information is available on the Church's Facebook page [@stmichaelucc](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelucc).

The media has listed the following charities as having already been vetted by the Better Business Bureau and are also raising money for Ukraine relief:

- Catholic Relief Services - Ukraine Relief
- Direct Relief - Ukraine Relief
- GlobalGiving - Ukraine Relief
- International Medical Corps - Ukraine Relief
- International Rescue Committee - Ukraine Relief
- Operation USA - Ukraine Relief
- Save the Children - Ukraine Relief
- United States Association for UNHCR - Ukraine Relief

Lanza warned, however, "The public should also beware of bogus websites that appear legitimate. Charitable organizations suggest that individuals should type in the URL instead of following links and that people should never follow a donation link sent via email, text or social media."