

# Polk County

## Board of Supervisors Office News



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### Historic County Courthouse Lit In Ukraine Colors

**DES MOINES, Iowa** – Polk County’s historic courthouse is lit up in the colors of the Ukrainian flag in a show of solidarity to the war-torn country. Cities around the world are making similar symbolic gestures as the Russian invasion enters its 7<sup>th</sup> day. Yellow and blue lighting gels are used to adorn the 116 year-old building in the colors of Ukraine in the temporary display.

Polk County Board of Supervisors Chair Angela Connolly says, “The world is watching in disgust and dismay at the incursion of a sovereign democratic state. The temporary lighting display is a symbolic gesture of our concern for the people of Ukraine and serves as a reminder that there are actors on the world stage that will take even barbaric measures to stand in the way of democracy and freedom. Polk County stands with Ukraine and her people.”

The current Ukrainian flag consists of two horizontal bands of yellow and blue, the colors represent the wide blue skies and the yellow represents the wheat fields that characterize the country. From a psychological point of view, blue symbolizes calm, while yellow symbolizes joy. The lights will remain displayed on the historic courthouse through the end of March.

