

**Decree of the President of the USSR of 8 February 1991 - On Additional Measures for Perpetuating the Memory of the Soviet Citizens Who Died Defending the Country in the Pre-War Years and the Period of the Great Patriotic War, and Also of Those Who Have Fulfilled Their International Duty** [O dopolnitelnykh merakh po uvekovecheniyu pamyati sovetskikh grazhdan, pogibshikh pri zashchite Rodiny v predvoyennyye gody i v period Velikoy Otechestvennoy voiny, a takzhe ispolnyavshikh internatsional'nyi dolg.]

President Gorbachev signed this decree meeting the requests of war veteran groups, particularly interested in the role of public authorities in the protection of war burial sites.