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**Proclaiming August 24, 2024 as Ukrainian Independence Day**

On August 24, 1991, the Parliament of Ukraine formally declared an independent, sovereign, and democratic Ukrainian state, establishing the territorial integrity of Ukraine as sovereign and inviolable. This year, on August 24th, Ukraine will be marking its 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of independence.

Ukrainians have inspired the world with their extraordinary courage and dedication to freedom as they continue the fight to defend their sovereignty. The last two years and a half, the Ukrainian people have been fighting courageously against the abhorrent and unjustified war by Vladimir Putin. Throughout the most difficult years in recent modern history for Ukraine, the Ukrainian community continues to remain strong. They strengthened pride in themselves, in their country, and in their thirty-three years of independence. They are an example of valor and courage.

Los Angeles County is home to more than 26,000 people of Ukrainian descent. The Ukrainian people are a robust and vibrant community. August 24<sup>th</sup> is a celebration for the Ukrainian community as a democratic, independent, sovereign and prosperous

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state. Ukrainian Americans continue to make significant contributions to the cultural fabric of Los Angeles County.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors proclaim August 24, 2024 as Ukrainian Independence Day and recognize the Ukrainian community for their dedication, leadership, and advocacy.

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