

On the 31st Anniversary of the Independence of Ukraine

Passed on 8/4/2022

WHEREAS, thirty-one years ago, on August 24, 1991, the Parliament of Ukraine formally declared an independent, sovereign, and democratic Ukrainian state; and,

WHEREAS, for centuries the people of Ukraine yearned and struggled to achieve an independent state all the while preserving their culture, language, and self-identity; and,

WHEREAS, that element of self-preservation was evident in the brave Ukrainian immigrants who settled on the shores of the United States and contributed greatly to the mosaic which is America by giving back to their adopted homeland, never forgetting about their rich history and heritage; and,

WHEREAS, the territorial integrity of Ukraine is sovereign and inviolable, yet portions of Ukraine's territory are currently under Russian military occupation in contravention of international law; and,

WHEREAS, we honor the efforts and sacrifices of the Armed Forces of Ukraine to stave off further Russian military advances in Ukraine, and their readiness to defend the entire European continent and our United States allies against further aggressive actions of the Kremlin; and,

WHEREAS, as the language, rights, and culture of those in Ukraine are under as much threat as they were during the Soviet and Tsarist regimes; and,

WHEREAS, we condemn the Russian Federation's unrelenting genocidal behavior in Ukraine, including actions targeting women and children, the victims of systematized sexual violence, as well as the indigenous Crimean Tatar people of Ukraine, and other targeted groups; and,

WHEREAS, Ukrainian Americans continue to make significant contributions to the cultural fabric of the United States and the District of Columbia, more than 100 years since first immigrating to this great nation, with which they share the collective U.S.-Ukrainian values of freedom, democracy and the rule of law;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ward Three Democratic Committee hereby recognizes August 24, 2022, as Ukrainian Independence Day and request and urge all the people of Ward Three to join in commemorating this important anniversary and to recommit ourselves to helping the Ukrainian nation reclaim full sovereignty over its international borders and remember its heroes who sacrificed their lives to ensure freedom and happiness of the future generations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be conveyed to the Democratic National Committee, the DC Democratic State Committee, the elected officials of the District of Columbia and the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America.

**Passed by:
The Ward 3 Democratic Committee**