

City of Santa Clara
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** For centuries, the Ukrainian people have courageously fought for their freedom, self-governance, and national identity, overcoming numerous challenges and preserving their rich cultural heritage; and
- WHEREAS,** On August 24th, 1991, Ukraine achieved independence from the Soviet Union, marking a historic milestone in the Ukrainian people's journey towards freedom, democracy, and self-determination; and
- WHEREAS,** The Ukrainian-American community in Santa Clara has steadfastly celebrated Ukraine's Independence Day, honoring the sacrifices and resilience of their ancestors and the Ukrainian people as a whole; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Santa Clara recognizes the importance of promoting cultural diversity, fostering international understanding, and supporting the aspirations of all nations towards freedom, justice, and independence; and
- WHEREAS,** We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people in their pursuit of peace, sovereignty, and territorial integrity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim this 24th day of August, 2023 as

Ukrainian Independence Day

in the City of Santa Clara and do hereby call upon all residents to join in commemorating this significant occasion, to honor the Ukrainian-American community, and to recognize the Ukrainian people's enduring spirit and their ongoing struggle for freedom and self-governance.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 24th day of August 2023.



LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR
City of Santa Clara