

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 33 years ago, on August 24, 1991, Ukraine achieved independence from the Soviet Union, marking a historic milestone in the Ukrainian people's journey towards freedom and democracy; 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 and continuing to make significant contributions to the cultural fabric of the United States while embracing their rich history and heritage; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bay Area has a significant Ukrainian population, with Ukrainian Americans and the Ukrainian National Women's League of America making contributions to society in various fields, including arts, culture, business, academia, and public service; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Santa Clara recognizes the importance of promoting cultural diversity and fostering international understanding, and supporting the aspirations of all nations towards freedom, justice, and independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of authority, vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Santa Clara, do hereby recognize August 24, 2026 as the anniversary of

UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

in the City of Santa Clara, and do hereby call upon all residents to join in commemorating this significant day, to honor the Ukrainian American community, and to recognize the Ukrainian people's enduring spirit.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 18th day of August 2026.



LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR, CITY OF SANTA CLARA



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