

*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,** 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 as a whole; and
- WHEREAS,** Ukrainian Americans continue to make significant contributions to the cultural fabric of the United States while embracing their rich history and heritage,
- WHEREAS,** the Bay Area has a significant Ukrainian population, with Ukrainian-Americans 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 the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim August 24, 2024 as

**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 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

**LISA M. GILLMOR**  
**MAYOR**  
**City of Santa Clara**