

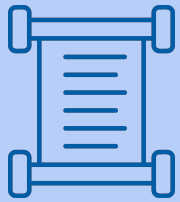
Ukrainian Independence Day 2024

A TOOLKIT



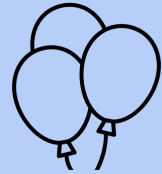
CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE

FIVE WAYS TO CELEBRATE UKRAINE'S 33RD INDEPENDENT YEAR.



PROCLAIM

Reach out to key officials for formal statements.



CELEBRATE

Organize events.
Invite elected officials.



LIGHT-UP

Ask key landmarks in your area to light up Blue & Yellow



THANK

Show your gratitude to those who continue to support Ukraine's Freedom.



SHARE

Share Ukraine's culture.

Mayor of Poltava
Poltava City Hall
Sobornosti St, #36
Poltava, Poltava Oblast, Ukraine, 36000

Dear Mayor Oleksandr Mamay, Vice-Mayors, Executive Committee members, City Council Deputies,
and all residents of Poltava,

Greetings from Irondequoit, New York! It is a joy for me to continue to expand this cherished relationship between our communities. We are proud that our communities have shared a mutual bond that will continue to flourish in the years to come.

The Irondequoit community is watching the events taking place in Ukraine as they unfold. Our entire community stands with you in Ukraine, although there are thousands of miles that separate us, please know that you are close in our thoughts and hearts.

I have had the opportunity to go back through correspondence between our two communities that has spanned Town Supervisors and Mayors. I am happy to play a small role in continuing to foster this important relationship. I look forward to hearing from you. *Слава Україні!*

Sincerely,

Rory Fitzpatrick
Supervisor
Town of Irondequoit

PROCLAMATIONS & EVENTS

A proclamation serves an ideal keystone to your larger Ukrainian Independence Day planning.

WHEREAS, for more than 100 years since first coming to America, Ukrainian Americans continue to make significant contributions to the cultural mosaic of the United States yet never forgetting their rich history and heritage, together with the values of freedom, democracy, and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine gained its independence from the former Soviet Union on August 24th, 1991 when the Parliament of Ukraine formally declared an independent, and democratic Ukrainian state; establishing the territorial integrity of Ukraine as sovereign and inviolable; and

WHEREAS, Irondequoit is home to many Ukrainian Americans, several Ukrainian Catholic, Orthodox, Pentecostal and Baptist churches, small businesses and the Ukrainian Federal Credit Union, all of which significantly contribute to the diverse cultural fabric of Irondequoit; and

WHEREAS, The Irondequoit and Greater Rochester communities, in response to the unjust and tragic invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, stand with, support, and pray for the people of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 in celebration and recognition of Ukrainian independence, Irondequoit established a sister cities relationship with Poltava, Ukraine to promote friendly relations, mutual respect, and greater understanding between the people of Ukraine and America; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Irondequoit is proud to be home to such a large Ukrainian-American population and hold a Sister City relationship with Poltava; and

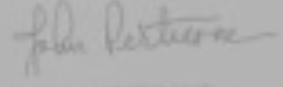
NOW, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that we, Supervisor Rory Fitzpatrick and the Town Board, on behalf of the entire Town of Irondequoit, do hereby recognize August 24, 2022 as

UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on this day, Wednesday August 24, 2022, we hereby join with the entire Irondequoit community to commemorate this important anniversary.




RORY FITZPATRICK
SUPERVISOR


JOHN PERTICONE
DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

01

PROCLAMATION

Legal document issued to commemorate a specific date as a milestone or part of an awareness campaign.

02

ISSUERS

Mayor or Governor.

03

APPLICATION

Your City/ State have online applications.

Follow up with a phone call after submitting online.

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SAMPLES

Sample proclamation request letters & proclamations [HERE](#).

EVENTS

Don't let the size of your community stop you from getting a proclamation & commemorating it w/ a ceremony & photo!

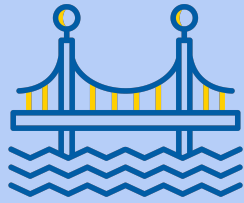


LANDMARKS FOR LIGHTING

In the past year, the following types of structures have been illuminated blue & yellow



SKYSCRAPERS



BRIDGES



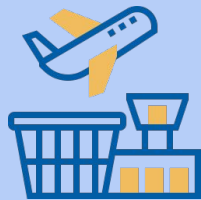
MONUMENTS



SPORTS ARENAS



FOUNTAINS



AIRPORTS

RADIANT UNITY

Light up your skyline blue and yellow & join in with cities and towns around the world in celebrating Ukraine's Independence.

Bonus:

Reach out to your city's Community Development Corporation or Chamber of Commerce to help identify other places which may be interested in participating.

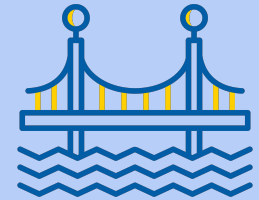
RADIANT UNITY: BLUE & YELLOW FOR INDEPENDENCE

Suggested points for outreach.



SKYSCRAPER

Property Manager.



BRIDGE

Port Authority. Dept. of Transportation.



MONUMENT

Depends on monument. If municipal building, go to city govt.



STADIUM

Public Relations, communications or community affairs.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

MAKING THE MOST OF UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Your elected officials will be in district most of the month. Time to connect in person

Invite your elected official to your Ukr Independence day event - or festival.

If they can't make it in person, ask for a statement of support.

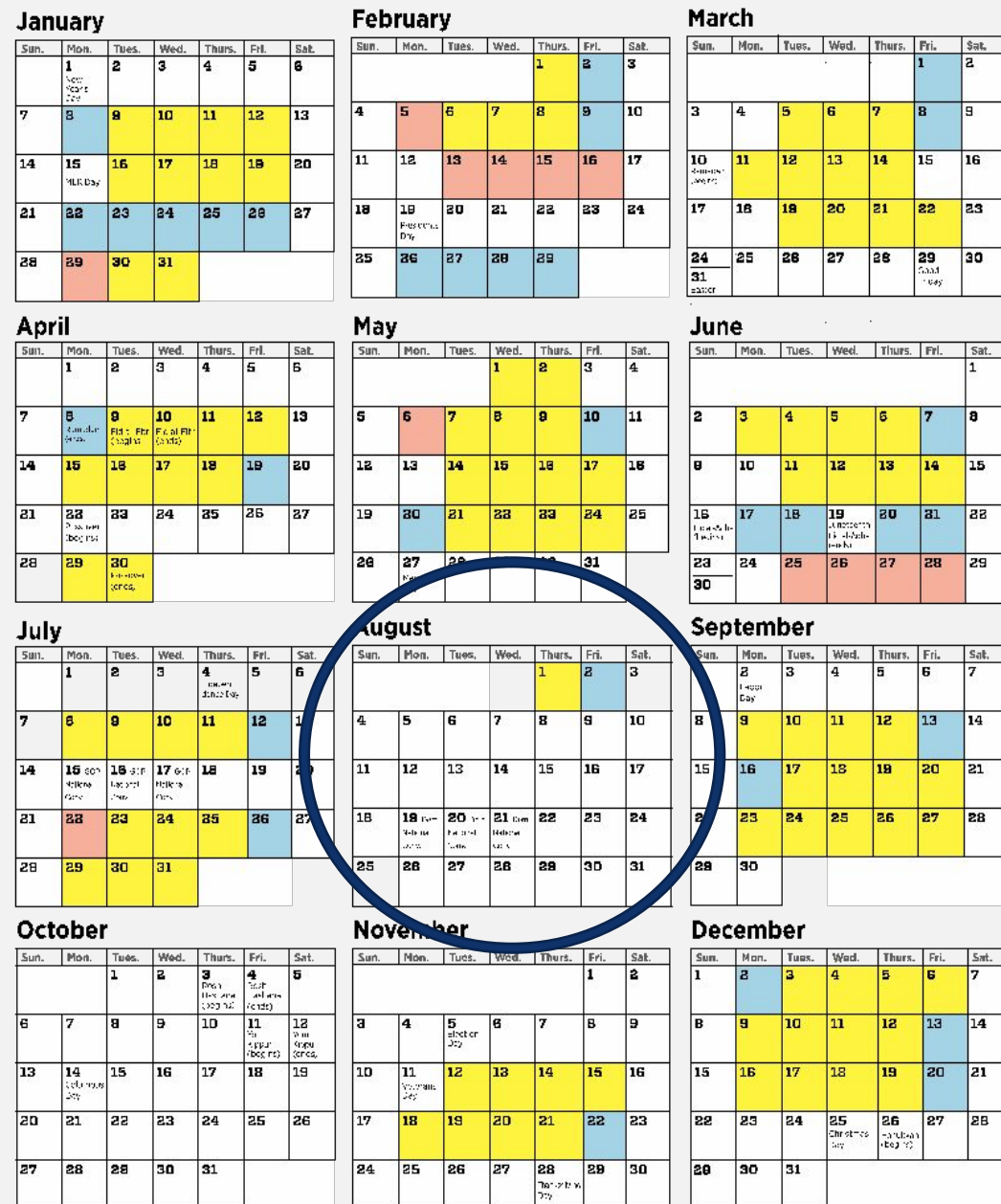
Go beyond federal officials. Engage state legislators, & leaders of civic organizations.

Consider giving a certificate of gratitude for those who have gone above and beyond.

2024 CONGRESSIONAL CALENDAR



Both chambers in session Senate only in session House only in session



Sources: Offices of Senate Majority Whip Richard J. Durbin, Senate Minority Whip John Thune and House Majority Leader Steve Scalise
Chris Hale/CG-Roll Call

SHARE

Showcase Ukraine's unique identity & creative voices
By organizing a screening of Ukrainian Short Films

BELIEVE IN UKRAINE

SHORT FILM PROGRAM

[LEARN MORE](#)



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY?

Let us know!

If you choose to participate please keep us posted!

Drop an email to communications@unwla.org

[Sample Proclamations & Request Letters](#)

