

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, twenty-four years ago on August 24, 1991, the Ukrainian parliament established and declared itself an independent, sovereign, and democratic state; and

WHEREAS, for centuries, the people of Ukraine yearned and struggled to achieve freedom and independence while preserving their religion, 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 America by giving back to their adopted homeland, never forgetting their rich history, culture, and heritage; and

WHEREAS, the country of Ukraine has proven its commitment to democratic ideals which were embodied in its restoration of independence in 1991 and the values and responsibilities associated with it; and

WHEREAS, in this 24th year of Ukraine's renewed independence, we remember the victims of Stalin's brutal genocide against the Ukrainians in 1932-1933, including those who perished as well as those who survived lasting persecution. We must recognize the continued aggression of Russia against Ukraine, and support the Ukrainian people as they face continued hostility from within and outside their borders; and

WHEREAS, we commend the perseverance of the Ukrainian people who stand against hatred, tyranny and aggression and recognize their endurance and commitment to freedom, liberty, and independence; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is proud to be called home by people of Ukrainian descent and we recognize the rich cultural heritage and family values which are passed along to future generations through the many Ukrainian musical, social, fraternal, educational, and religious organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize August 24, 2015 as

UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to join us in recognizing this observance.

On this 24th day of August 2015;

John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor