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STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, JULY 14, 2016

Celebrating The 25th Anniversary of Ukraine Independence

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 14th of July, a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, on August 24, 1991, the Parliament of Ukraine formally declared an independent Ukraine state, conforming to the will of the Ukrainian people for a democratic future free from the totalitarian rule whose crimes against humanity cost countless Ukrainian's their lives; and

WHEREAS, in the face of continued threats to their independence, including to the currently army-occupied city of Horlivka, the Ukrainian sister city of Buffalo, the United States has stood strong as an ally to the Ukrainian people and their Government in their efforts to maintain sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, Western New York has benefited greatly from Ukrainian-Americans, who share with us their culture and heritage, work in factories, hold positions in government, and are small business owners, contributing immensely to the success of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America – Buffalo Chapter will hold a commemoration of Ukrainian independence on the evening of July 19th, 2016 at the Ukrainian American Civic Center at 205 Military Road in Buffalo, as well as a Ukrainian American Day on the afternoon of July 21, 2016 at the Ukrainian-American Civic Center at 562 Genesee Street in Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature stands in support of continued independence in Ukraine and joins the Ukrainian Americans in Western New York in celebrating the quarter-century anniversary of Ukrainian independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pause in its deliberations to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Ukraine's Independence Day.

Hon. Patrick B. Burke
Erie County Legislator, 7th District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk, Erie County Legislature