



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Proclamation

Proclaiming August 24, 2026 as Ukraine's Independence Day

Whereas, for centuries, the Ukrainian people have courageously fought for their freedom, self-governance, and national identity, overcoming challenges and preserving their rich cultural heritage; and

Whereas, on August 24, 1991, Ukraine achieved independence from the Soviet Union, marking a historic milestone in the Ukrainian people's journey towards freedom, democracy, and self-determination; and

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol recognizes the importance of promoting cultural diversity, fostering international understanding, and supporting the aspirations of all nations towards freedom, justice, and independence; and

Whereas, in 1993, to further the goal of supporting citizen diplomacy, the City of Sebastopol entered into a Sister City Agreement with the City of Chyhyryn, Ukraine; and

Whereas, for the past 33 years, through the efforts of Sebastopol World Friends, the Sebastopol community has developed deep and lasting relationships with the Chyhyryn community, by way of educational and cultural exchanges; and

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol desires to show its solidarity with the Ukrainian people in their pursuit of peace, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Jill McLewis, Mayor of the City of Sebastopol, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim August 24, 2026, as "UKRAINE'S INDEPENDENCE DAY" in the City of Sebastopol and call upon all residents to join in commemorating this significant occasion, to honor our Ukrainian Sister City, and to recognize the Ukrainian people's enduring spirit and their ongoing struggle for freedom and self-governance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 4th day of August 2026.

Jill McLewis
Mayor, City of Sebastopol