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## **Дкраїнський Жонгресовий Жомітет Америки**Ukrainian Congress Committee of America



## **August for Advocacy**



The Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS), the Washington, D.C., public affairs bureau of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), urges you to participate in #AugustforAdvocacy and meet with your elected officials to advocate for their support and assistance for Ukraine. #AugustforAdvocacy is a "Ukrainian Days" advocacy event on a local level, taking advantage of constituent meetings, town halls, and other community events when U.S. senators and representatives are home in their states and districts.

UCCA & UNIS <u>held our second "Ukrainian Days advocacy event of 2023 on 14-15 June</u>. Some 200 participants from across the United States traveled to our nation's capital for in-person meetings with congressional offices to promote Ukrainian Americans' immediate concerns. But our community's efforts cannot stop in Washington, D.C.

On Thursday, 10 August, the White House asked congressional leaders for more than \$24 billion in aid to Ukraine, a request that's sure to intensify the

already arduous government funding fight. The request, which includes more than \$13 billion in security assistance and \$7.3 billion for economic and humanitarian assistance for Ukraine, also includes \$3.3 billion meant to fund infrastructure in countries affected by the invasion, an attempt at preventing coercive Chinese lending from taking hold in those nations.

## #AugustforAdvocacy

During the month of August, Senators and Representatives are back in their home states and districts. This provides a perfect opportunity to interact with your elected officials in a local setting:



Thank you to Veselka :: Веселка for a perfect lunch where I joined with some of NY's Ukrainian American leaders to say the US Senate stands with Ukraine.

We must stay united to repel Putin's evil, unjustified, murderous war against Ukraine, democracy, and the rule of law.



Following a meeting with his Ukrainian American constituents, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (NY) <u>released the following statement</u> on the administration's request:

"There is strong bipartisan support in the Senate for doing more to help our fellow citizens impacted by natural disasters, fight the scourge of fentanyl, and support our partners in Ukraine. The latest request from the Biden administration shows America's continued commitment to helping Americans here at home and our friends abroad; and should send a clear signal to Vladimir Putin, the Chinese government, and others of America's resolve when it comes to defending democracy around the world. We hope to join with our Republican colleagues this fall to avert an unnecessary government shutdown and fund this critical emergency supplemental request."

Please refer to the following sample social media posts as well as "Ukrainian Days" briefing papers on issues of immediate concern in Congress. Join in this effort throughout the month of August and advocate for greater support for Ukraine!

- For over 500 days, Ukrainians have led the global fight for freedom and democracy – support Ukraine during the #AugustForAdvocacy campaign.
- The Ukrainian people have faced unimaginable devastation, shown incredible resilience, resisted an imperial invasion, and proven NATO worthiness in the past 18 months. #AugustForAdvocacy to support Ukraine!
- Advocate for U.S. national security interests in supporting Ukraine during the #AugustForAdvocacy event.
- <u>Ukraine is fighting for the preservation of democracy worldwide.</u>
   <u>Support Ukraine to win the war again russian aggression -</u>
   <u>#AugustForAdvocacy.</u>

**Download Advocacy Briefing Materials (PDF)** 

## **UCCA's Humanitarian Aid**



**Download UCCA's 62nd Aid Update (PDF)** 

UCCA's 62nd Humanitarian Aid Update details UCCA's ongoing efforts to supply our freedom fighters with critically needed non-lethal military assistance thanks to charitable donations to <a href="https://www.ucca.no.ndm.needed">UCCA's #SupportUkraine Fund</a>.

Thanks to the generosity of the Ukrainian American community and the general public, each donation, large or small, to UCCA's #SupportUkraine campaign has made an impact, because 100% of these tax-deductible donations continues to be used to help alleviate the challenges Ukrainians continue to face. In addition to UCCA's 2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest award from the charity rating organization Candid, all of UCCA's "War Aid Updates" and "Special Mission Reports" can be reviewed at UCCA.org.

**Donate to #SupportUkraine Today!** 

### **Review UCCA's Aid Reports**

### Candid.

UCCA has earned a 2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest award from the charity rating organization Candid. Formerly known as Guidestar, Candid is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. Out of all non-profits registered in the United States, only roughly 6% receive the Platinum level of transparency.

Platinum Transparency **2023** 

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Your checks are also welcome! Mail to:

### **UCCA**

203 Second Avenue New York, NY 10003

UCCA is a registered 501(c)(3) Not-for-Profit organization and all donations to UCCA are tax deductible.

## **UCCA** in Hawai'i



On 1 August 2023, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), which represents nearly 30 national associations of Ukrainian Americans, and the interests of nearly 2 million Americans of Ukrainian descent, received notification from the State of Hawai'i affirming UCCA's registration as required by the state in order for UCCA to engage in charitable solicitation.

In conjunction with this registration, which has been posted publicly in the state's online charity registry, Honolulu residents and UCCA members Lara Palafox and Leo Hura have been designated as representatives of UCCA with the state's Charities Unit as there is currently no UCCA State Coordinating Council or UCCA Local Branch operating in the "Aloha State." Leo and Lara worked towards this designation in advance of their community's planned <a href="Independence Day Event">Independence Day Event</a>, currently scheduled to take place on 26 August at Ala Moana Regional Park. UCCA recommends that supporters follow <a href="Hawaii Stands with Ukraine">Hawaii Stands with Ukraine</a> for additional updates about this and other events locally.

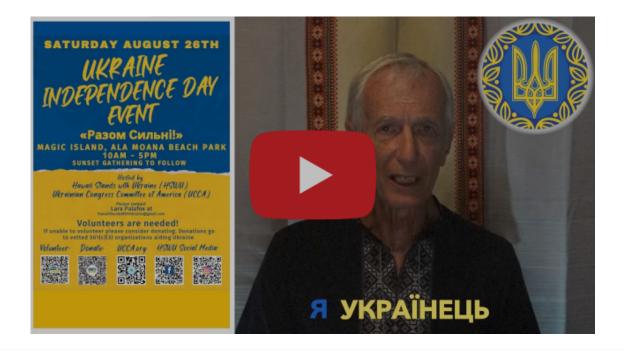
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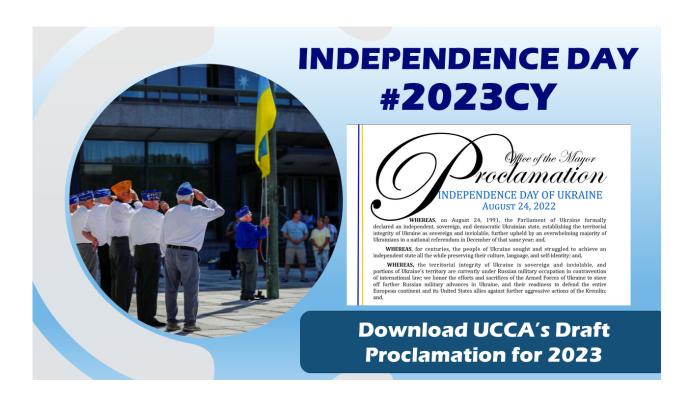
UCCA welcomes Ukrainians and supporters of Ukraine in Hawai'i working together with the Ukrainian American community on the mainland

## Mahalo

We also thank Leo, Lara, and our UCCA-NY President Ivanka Zajac, for uniting our communities in this critical time for our ancestral homeland.

## A hui hou





This August 24th, Ukrainians around the world will simultaneously mark the historic 32nd anniversary of Ukraine's renewed Independence, and 18 months of russia's unprovoked war and renewed attempts of genocide against the Ukrainian nation.

**Download UCCA's Draft Proclamation Request (PDF)** 



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UCCA's Fact Sheet Hub collects
wartime statistics from both the
Ukrainian and US governments as
well as the United Nations

Read more here































## August 17-20, 2023

starting times: Thursday 6:00 p.m. until 10:45 pm Friday 6 p.m. until 11:45 p.m. Saturday 1 p.m. until 11:45 p.m. Sunday at 1 p.m until 8 p.m.

rochesterukrainianfestival.com



## **Ukrainian Food**

Varenyky (Pierogies), Holubtsi (Cabbage Rolls), Ukrainian Sausage, Borshch

## Ukrainian Arts & Crafts

In the Ukrainian "Bazaar"

Embroidery, Ceramics, Amber, Easter Eggs, Paintings, Icons, Jewelry

# Ukrainian Folk Dancing & Entertainment

940 Ridge Road East Rochester, NY 14621





Come one, come all, as we gather together to commemorate the proud nation of Ukraine on its Independence Day! Join us for a joyous outdoor celebration filled with music, food, and camaraderie, as we revel in the spirit of independence and unity.

#### What to Expect:

Ukrainian food and sweets, Ukrainian music, dancing, crafts, photo zones, activities for kids. Garner park has limited seating. Please bring your own blanket or foldable camping chair for comfort. Food and souvenirs can be bought by cash only.

Families are encouraged to bring their little ones along, as a dedicated children's corner will keep the younger attendees entertained with face painting, games, and fun activities, all with a Ukrainian twist.

This event serves as a platform for Ukrainians and friends of Ukraine to come together, strengthen bonds, and celebrate the nation's journey to independence. It's a chance to share stories, forge new friendships, and build a sense of community that resonates with the spirit of unity. Money collected at the event will be spent on supporting cultural and educational events of Madison Ukrainian community and events organized by Friends of Ukraine – Madison.

Please consider donating items, home-baked goods, or volunteering your time during this event. If you are interested, please fill out this form: https://tinyurl.com/ukrvolunteerMadison Help planning committee by buying items on our Amazon wish list here:

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AUGUST 20, 2023

SOLOWAY BAND - FREE CONCERT - ROTARY PARK 6 - 8 PM



FESTIVAL - ELAINE'S 4-10 PM



AUGUST 18 - 24TH ELAINE'S - SIGNATURE DRINKS AND FOOD -PROCEEDS DONATED

























Join us to celebrate

## 32nd Anniversary of Ukrainian Independence

Sunday, August 20, 2023 1pm - 4pm

at the Ukrainian Culture Center 4315 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90029

Organizers:









### WHAT IS UCCA?

of America (UCCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan community-based organization that has represented the interests of Ukrainians in the United States since 1940.

### ЩО ТАКЕ УККА?

The Ukrainian Congress Committee Український Конґресовий Комітет Америки (УККА) є неприбутковою, безпартійною громадською організацією, яка представляє інтереси українців у Сполучених Штатах Америки з 1940 року.

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