

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL

**Resolution Of Councillor
Maureen Feeney**

Whereas: The Boston City Council recognizes that eighteen years ago, the Parliament of Ukraine overwhelmingly approved the Act of Declaration of Independence of Ukraine, thereby establishing the territorial integrity of an independent, democratic state; and

Whereas: Throughout the centuries, the struggle of Ukrainians to achieve an independent state cost millions of lives, as a result of such atrocities as political repression, forced labor, gulags, and massacres as well as egregious crimes such as the Ukrainian Genocide of 1932-33 in which seven to ten million innocent victims were starved to death; and

Whereas: In these eighteen years of independence, Ukraine has established a mature civil society, created an independent media, respects the rights of all minorities, honors freedom of religion, speech, and expression; and

Whereas: Through the efforts of Ukrainians around the world, including those in the United States, the language, culture and history of Ukraine have not been forgotten but instead have contributed to the mosaic of American life. Therefore Be It;

Resolved: That the Boston City Council in meeting assembled does hereby honor August 24, 2009 as the Eighteenth Anniversary of Ukrainian Independence, affirms the commitment to assuring Ukraine a leading place in the world, and does mark this occasion with great celebration and respect.



By: *Stephen J. Ross*
President of the City Council
Attest: *Rosario Salerno*
Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: *Maureen Feeney*
Date: *August 24, 2009*