

1 [Day of Solidarity with Ukraine - February 24, 2026 - Holodomor Memorial Day - November
2 28, 2026]

3 **Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to commemorate February 24,
4 2026, as a Day of Solidarity with Ukraine, and to designate November 28, 2026, as
5 Holodomor Memorial Day, in recognition of the historical, cultural, and civic
6 significance of the Holodomor and the ongoing struggle for peace and freedom in
7 Ukraine.**

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9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is home to a vibrant Ukrainian
10 community, with residents maintaining strong cultural, linguistic, and historical ties to Ukraine;
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12 WHEREAS, Since the start of the full-scale war in Ukraine on February 24, 2022,
13 countless Ukrainian families have been displaced, with many young Ukrainians arriving in San
14 Francisco seeking safety after fleeing violence, separation, and destruction in their
15 communities; and

16 WHEREAS, United States Census American Community Survey Data shows that
17 about 14,000 Bay Area residents were born in Ukraine and over 24,000 claim Ukrainian
18 ancestry; that the Bay Area has a larger number of residents with ties to Ukraine than any
19 other city in California and in the United States, with 53 residents per 10,000 having a direct
20 ancestral tie to Ukraine; and that San Francisco has 62 residents per 10,000 who claim
21 Ukrainian ancestry; and

22 WHEREAS, The Richmond District of San Francisco, particularly the area surrounding
23 Geary Boulevard between 17th and 27th Avenues, hosts a significant concentration of
24 Ukrainian residents, businesses, and cultural institutions; and

1 WHEREAS, Local establishments such as Pushkin Restaurant, Leleka Restaurant,
2 Hromada SF, Ukrainian School of San Francisco, Holy Virgin Cathedral, Immaculate
3 Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ukrainian Hall San Francisco, and the Ukrainian
4 American Coordinating Council serve as longstanding anchors of Ukrainian heritage and
5 community in San Francisco; and

6 WHEREAS, February 24, 2026 marks the anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of
7 Ukraine and serves as a solemn reminder of the ongoing struggle for peace, democracy, and
8 human rights; and commemorating this date provides an opportunity for the San Francisco
9 community to stand in solidarity with Ukraine, honor the lives lost, and reaffirm the City's
10 commitment to global justice and human dignity; and

11 WHEREAS, Previously, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
12 Francisco previously declared our support and welcome of Ukrainian refugees and urged
13 federal support, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220300, which is
14 hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

15 WHEREAS, Youth in San Francisco have played an important role in preserving
16 Ukrainian culture through initiatives such as Slavic Voice 4 Ukraine, a youth-led media and
17 advocacy platform that promotes Ukrainian heritage, civic engagement, and intercultural
18 understanding through storytelling, oral history, and public programming; and

19 WHEREAS, Ukrainian young people at San Francisco State University have also been
20 active in journalism, advocacy, and cultural initiatives, helping raise awareness about
21 Ukraine's history, culture, and current challenges, and inspiring the next generation to engage
22 with their heritage; and

23 WHEREAS, Local organizations, volunteers, and host families in San Francisco
24 provide vital support to these youth, helping them continue their education, participate in
25 cultural and civic activities, and integrate into the community; and youth-led initiatives and

1 programs amplify the voices of young Ukrainians, promote intercultural understanding,
2 ensuring their experiences and contributions are recognized and celebrated; and

3 WHEREAS, Holodomor Memorial Day, observed annually on the fourth Saturday of
4 November, commemorates the millions of Ukrainians who perished in the man-made famine
5 of 1932–1933, and at the height of the Holodomor in 1933, it is estimated that Ukrainians died
6 at a rate of 28,000 a day with nearly a third of the victims being children younger than 10
7 years old; and this day provides an opportunity to educate the public about this historical
8 atrocity, honor the victims, and acknowledge its lasting impact on Ukrainian culture, history,
9 and diaspora communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Recognizing Holodomor Memorial Day in San Francisco would honor the
11 historical, cultural, and civic contributions of Ukrainian residents and affirm the City's
12 commitment to remembrance, education, and cultural understanding; and

13 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission, through Resolution No. 2526-AL-
14 02, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 260120, which is hereby
15 declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein, urged that the City and
16 County of San Francisco to take the following actions; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
18 commemorates February 24, 2026, as a Day of Solidarity with Ukraine, in remembrance of
19 those impacted by the ongoing war and in recognition of the resilience of the Ukrainian
20 people; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
22 Francisco designates November 28, 2026, as Holodomor Memorial Day, to honor the lives
23 lost and educate the public about the historical significance of the Holodomor; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
25 Francisco joins the San Francisco Youth Commission in encouraging the Mayor to raise the

1 Ukrainian flag at San Francisco City Hall on February 24, 2026, as a Day of Solidarity with
2 Ukraine, on August 24, 2026, on Ukrainian Independence Day, and on November 28, 2026, in
3 honor of Holodomor Memorial Day in recognition of Ukraine's independence and resilience.

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