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Jersey City Proudly Raises the Flag of the Ukraine In Celebration of their 19th Year of Independence

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council, and the Division of Cultural Affairs proudly raise the flag of the Ukraine in celebration of the 19th Anniversary of Independence Day of the Ukraine at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 in City Hall.

“The Ukrainian-American community of Jersey City has led by example, not only locally, but nationwide,” said Mayor Healy. “They contribute to Jersey City by building and maintaining schools, churches, community centers, and commercial enterprises. They have made their dreams of sovereignty in this land a reality, while keeping in mind the struggles of their forefathers.”

January 22, 1918, marked the rebirth of the **Ukrainian National Republic**, a nation dedicated to the belief in Almighty God. The Ukrainian National Republic's dedication to living in peace and harmony with its neighbors has always been of the utmost importance. The national spirit did not die despite the persecution by the Communist government of Soviet Russia, who tried to eradicate the people of **Ukraine** during the state-planned political famine of 1932 -1933, resulting in the death of millions of freedom-loving **Ukrainians**. **Ukrainians**, both here and abroad, lived with the hope that their nation would be liberated from Communist oppression and be restored to the people.

After 70 years of Soviet subjugation, the **Ukraine** proclaimed its independence on August 24, 1991. Later that year, a nationwide referendum reaffirmed the **Ukrainian** people's desire for freedom, independence, and democracy. An overwhelming 90% of the general public voted in favor of independence.

For more information about the **Ukraine Flag Raising**, call the **Division of Cultural Affairs** at (201) 547-6921 or visit jerseycitynj.gov

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