

## **VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE RESOLUTION On Declaration of Independence of Ukraine**

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The Verkhovna Rada of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic *r e s o l v e s* that:

- Ukraine shall be declared an independent democratic state on August 24, 1991.

Upon declaration of its independence, only its Constitution, laws, orders of the Government, and other legislative acts of the republic are valid on the territory of Ukraine.

- A republican referendum shall be organized on December 1, 1991 to confirm the act of declaration of independence.

**Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of the Ukrainian SSR Leonid Kravchuk**

Kyiv, August 24, 1991

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### **Act of Declaration of Independence of Ukraine**

In view of the mortal danger surrounding Ukraine in connection with the state coup in the USSR on August 19, 1991,

Continuing the thousand-year tradition of state development in Ukraine,

Proceeding from the right of a nation to self-determination in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and other international legal documents, and

Implementing the Declaration of State Sovereignty of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic solemnly declares

**Independence of Ukraine and creation of the independent Ukrainian state - UKRAINE.**

The territory of Ukraine is indivisible and inviolable.

From this day forward, the Constitution and laws of Ukraine only are valid on the territory of Ukraine.

This act comes into force upon its approval.

**VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE  
August 24, 1991**

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