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## RESOLUTION HONORING THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE OF AMERICA'S UKRAINIAN SERVICE

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WHEREAS, the Voice of America (VOA) began broadcasting in Ukrainian on December 12, 1949, to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the Ukrainian people;

WHEREAS, since its first broadcast, VOA's Ukrainian Service has earned the trust of its audience and has served as a vital communication link with the Ukrainian people in support of freedom and democracy, during the Cold War and through the challenges Ukraine faces today;

WHEREAS, VOA Ukrainian has successfully adopted television, online, mobile and social media platforms, employing a cross-platform strategy to reach even greater numbers of Ukrainians;

WHEREAS, in Ukraine's crowded, highly fragmented and politicized media market, VOA's Ukrainian Service is seen as a reliable and trusted source of news, information and analysis of major international and regional developments and U.S.-Ukraine relations;

WHEREAS, VOA Ukrainian has served as a window on America and a model of a free press for the people of Ukraine since its inception, providing fact-based content about American society and its achievements in democratic governance, business, medicine, science, technology and the arts;

WHEREAS, VOA Ukrainian remains a respected source of objective and accurate news and information about Ukraine, Europe, the United States and the world, with a major focus on human rights, religious and cultural rights, freedom of speech, and democratic values and practices;

WHEREAS, VOA Ukrainian continues to broadcast daily to more than 40 million people in Ukraine and Ukrainian speakers around the world; and

WHEREAS, VOA's Ukrainian Service remains the leading international broadcaster in Ukraine, significantly impacting the Ukrainian media market and policy makers.

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved by the Board of Governors and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the U.S. Agency for Global Media that we celebrate and commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Voice of America's Ukrainian Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board and CEO commend and congratulate the current and former members of VOA's Ukrainian Service for their commitment to the Ukrainian people and fostering friendship and the open communication of information and ideas between them and the United States, and their dedication to professional journalism.