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UKRAINE STILL STANDS 1,000 DAYS AFTER RUSSIA'S INVASION

Seattle, Nov. 14, 2024 – November 19, 2024 marks the 1,000th day of Ukraine's courageous resistance to Russia's brutal invasion and attempt at total subjugation. During these 1,000 days Russia has committed thousands of war crimes, including intentionally bombing civilians, rape, torture, and the kidnapping and deportation of approximately 20,000 Ukrainian children.

To mark this somber milestone, Ukraine Defense Support and Volia Fund are hosting a rally at Seattle's new waterfront park from 4 pm - 7 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 19. Everyone is invited to stand in solidarity with Ukraine as it fights for its survival in the face of attempted genocide. We will commemorate the thousands of Ukrainians who have been killed, and honor their defenders at 6 pm. Similar rallies will take place in other cities around the world.

"It is difficult to comprehend Ukraine's strength and endurance these last 1,000 days as they have defended their families and freedom against the world's largest military," said Carl Larson, president and co-founder of Ukraine Defense Support, a U.S. Army Iraq War veteran who fought in Ukraine's International Legion in eastern Ukraine in 2022. "It has been an honor to support them. Ukraine's fight for freedom is our fight too."

Tetiana Novokhatska, President and Co-Founder of the Volia Fund, commented acknowledging the resilience and courage of the Ukrainian people in the face of overwhelming odds. "My heart breaks as I reflect on Ukraine's incredibly brave and unimaginably hard fight against a cruel and vastly larger enemy. When Russia invaded in 2022, the West predicted Ukraine would last only three days. Instead, it has endured for 1,000. The people of Ukraine have demonstrated remarkable resolve to uphold human values, safeguard global freedom, and defend democracy itself. The enemy is bigger and stronger; we must do more to help Ukraine prevail. If Ukraine falls, the world's civilized democratic order is at risk."

Rally Details:

When: Tuesday, Nov. 19, 4 - 7 pm (6 pm commemoration of war victims and fallen heroes)

Where: Waterfront Park, 1401 Alaska Way, Seattle

Ukraine Defense Support was founded in 2022 by Carl Larson and Pam Dalan, both of Seattle, after Larson's return from serving in the International Legion in Ukraine. UDS sends urgently needed supplies, including night vision equipment, drones, Humvees and other vehicles, portable generators, military

clothing and medical supplies to Ukraine's frontlines. UDS is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit that has raised nearly \$1,000,000 to help keep as many of Ukraine's defenders alive as possible. EIN 92-2693929

<https://ukrainedefensesupport.org/>

Volia Fund was founded in 2022 by Anastasia Stepanova, Tetiana Novokhatska, Aly Owens, and Arsen Kostenko, all Americans with Ukrainian heritage, from the technology field who care deeply about people in Ukraine. Volia Fund's mission is to provide a partnership platform fostering deep tech projects in defense, research, manufacturing and education fields that protect and boost well-being in Ukraine.

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