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CITY OF EASTHAMPTON RAISES UKRAINE FLAG IN SOLIDARITY

Easthampton, MA - As Ukraine now enters its third month of the war, the City of Easthampton asks the community to stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and the estimated five thousand plus refugees who have had to flee their homes. On Sunday, May 1st, 2022, at 2:30 in the afternoon, Mayor LaChapelle joins members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of Ludlow in raising the Ukraine flag at City Hall.

Oleh Koval is a proud Ukrainian-American, who has been fortunate to call Easthampton home for the past 20 years. Like many other Ukrainian-Americans who share their stories, Oleh has family still in Ukraine and is unsure of their safety every day.

“I would like to thank our mayor, Nicole LaChapelle, for supporting our message and standing with us in support of Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. With the flag-raising, Easthampton will be joining many other communities to call for an end to Russian Imperialism and human suffering. Also, to raise awareness of the great need for donations to organizations both locally and nationally that are helping Ukrainians during this devastating war,” said Oleh, who contacted the City to help coordinate the event.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church, located at 45 Newbury St in Ludlow, MA, is a local organization collecting needed medical supplies (tourniquets, combat first aid kit), ready to eat food/snacks, new toys, new baby/kids clothes, and military supplies, as well as monetary funds. Easthampton community members, including businesses and organizations interested in collecting donations, can drop them off at the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ludlow or call the church to pick up the donations. For questions or contributions to the Ukrainian Catholic Church, please call (413) 583-2140.

Glory to Ukraine!