



Honorary Consulate of Ukraine in Montenegro

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## THE INDEPENDENCE DAY

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Distinguished guests, dear hosts

The Independence Day.

Montenegro Independence Day.

The Independence Day is celebrated by all the world countries. Both, the big and the small ones. The big ones celebrate it in order to demonstrate their existence, power and influence, while the small ones rejoice so as to show their existence and proud of being among the big ones. However, acting together with and among big countries is costly. It is expensive. Most frequently and as said by history, the price is paid by the lives of their best sons and daughters. The price of being recognizable, different, and of authentic moral, social, cultural, and historical development and distinctiveness and to stay independent and to preserve the identity, while following the contemporary development trends of the society as a whole in order to survive at international stage as a part of and actor in it.

And, for thousands of years of perpetual fighting for a modern state in that way.

Moreover, the world used to recognize that. That existence. That state formation. That small state, for which the world powers could not delineate the borders because, on their large-scale global maps, it was just a dot. However, it appeared to be a living dot. The red one. Like blood, or like a rose. It depended on how good intentions were in the hands of those who had headed for it.

History has recorded that as well.

The world's history textbooks describing the warfare have been mentioning its battles as examples of both its army's bravery and the spirit so indomitable to be defeated by any multiple times dominant powers and their soldiers and arms.

The art and literature history textbooks have been describing its beauties, through pencils and paintbrushes of foreign writers and artists who admired it, and honored it and spread its glory at the same time, while sending thereby to their respective kings, emperors and other high-ranking secular and clergy members messages saying that such a people deserved to survive as genuine nation-building one.

All that used to support our national spiritual wealth, through our famous writers' works and through miracles of our Saints.

We have already presented two out of those titans, by presenting them here in Kiev, to make even bigger your magnificent torch of liberty and benevolence and your spirituality.

Thank you, the Ukrainian brothers for organizing our Independence Day on your holly land. Thank you, Stanislav, for you being around, for your being an Ukrainian and for selecting me to be your brother and for granting me this opportunity to address the present on this special occasion and to feel proud of being a Montenegrin here and today.

Long Live Ukraine!

Eternal Live Montenegro!