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## *Announcement of the “Drive for Ukraine” Freedom Tour and Billboard Unveiling* July 29, 2022 at 10:30 am

SAN DIEGO (July 25, 2022) – The first in a series of billboards across America for the Spirit of Liberty Foundation’s National “*Drive for Ukraine*” *Freedom Tour* featuring a dramatic portrait of Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and an announcement of the *Tour* will be unveiled in a Ceremony on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in front of the Billboard located at Midway Drive north of Kemper Street.

The painting of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was commissioned by the Spirit of Liberty Foundation and the San Diego Air and Space Museum and painted by talented Jeremy Salazar, a Native American artist. The billboard will be in over 15 cities across America to support the “*Drive for Ukraine*” *Freedom Tour* which will commence the first week in August, leaving from the San Diego Air and Space Museum located in historical Balboa Park. The date to be announced shortly.

The 3-week *Tour* will drive across America traveling through 16 states and Washington DC with stops and Ceremonies at 12 State Capitals and importantly, at cities with major Ukrainian populations including Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Philadelphia and New York, culminating with major Ceremonies in Washington DC and New York City.

The goal of the “*Drive for Ukraine*” *Freedom Tour* is to create continued awareness and support for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people with a goal of raising \$5 million paid directly to the four leading major Ukrainian relief non-profit organizations supporting Ukraine humanitarian efforts. The participating charities and leaders in supporting the Ukraine humanitarian efforts are:  
**The UN Refugee Agency, International Medical Corps, Direct Relief and Global Empowerment Mission ... all with the blessing of the Archbishop and Consistory President Antony Scharbaof of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA**



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In attendance during the unveiling will be the leadership of The House of Ukraine, Vice President Nadia Haywas; Father Yuri Sas from Saint John the Baptizer Ukrainian Church. Also attending will be Jim Kidrick, President and CEO of the Air and Space Museum; Richard Rovsek Chairman of the Spirit of Liberty Foundation, Steven Barber, Drive for Ukraine Executive Director, as well as members of the Patriotic Patriot Guard Riders and importantly, members and supporters of the Ukrainian community and Ukrainian Refugees who recently arrived in San Diego.

## ***About the Spirit of Liberty Foundation***

The Spirit of Liberty Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Rancho Santa Fe, California. It was originally formed to raise funds and assist in the restoration and maintenance of the Statue of Liberty as well as Ellis Island. After the restoration was completed, and as a result of 9/11, the Foundation's mission was changed to enhance the meaning and importance of liberty.

## **About the House of Ukraine**

The House of Ukraine is a cultural museum in Balboa Park, San Diego providing information to the public about the country of Ukraine. Our purpose is to promote and cultivate the art, history, customs, language, and traditions of Ukraine. We sponsor educational presentations, demonstrations, and events devoted to Ukrainian culture as well as organize various cultural and fund-raising events. In the museum, you can find displays of cultural artifacts, books, pictures, maps, and ethnic costumes.

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