# **Proposed Sister Cities:** Erie, Pennsylvania, USA

## Chornomorsk, Odessa, Ukraine With so much in common, let's unite!



#### **A Bit About Erie**

A port city of 95,000 on an inland Great Lake with access to the Atlantic Ocean

Home to one of only two 1,000-foot dry docks and one of the largest cargo lift capacities on the Great Lakes

Located within a 500-mile radius of 85 million people

With Sister Cities in China and Poland, our family is looking to grow!

#### A Bit About Chornomorsk

A port city of 60,000 along the inland Black Sea, with access via the Mediterranean Sea to the Atlantic Ocean

Despite the war, the port is functional and the terminal has capacity to handle 650,000 containers a year

A primary point of departure for grain and other critical global resources seeking international partners to continue growing

Erie is ready to Chornomorsk too!



### We Love Our Nautical Sports Teams

Erie is home to the Seawolves baseball team

With a vibrant and growing Ukrainian community, the Lake Erie Sports Alliance hosts an annual Ukrainian hockey camp and cultural exchange

Chornomorsk roots for the Odessa women's soccer team, the Seasters

We're looking forward to becoming Chornomorsk's new Seaster City!



#### **Shared Independence Struggle**

The Battle of Lake Erie solidified America's trade sovereignty from Britain in 1813

Chornomorsk port is a vital part of Ukraine's fight for commercial and political independence from Russia today

Free waterfront cities moving forward to a bright shared future!