



City of Gainesville

Harvey L. Ward, Jr., Mayor

May 4, 2023

Honorable Andrey Vasiljevich Kravchenko
via email: pmpokusaev@mail.ru

Dear Mayor Kravchenko,

On behalf of your sister city of Gainesville, Florida, please accept our best wishes to you and all the people of Novorossiisk as you celebrate your May 9 "Victory Day" holiday.

The Great Patriotic War caused unprecedented destruction and loss of lives to your city. But the resurrected Novorossiisk of today stands as a majestic monument to the memory of the defenders, and the sacrifices made to stop the nazi advance to the Caucasus oil fields.

In the words of Arsène Houssaye, "We must always have old memories and young hopes."

May the citizens of Novorossiisk have a joyous celebration, and may peace rule the day!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Harvey L. Ward Jr.", is written over the printed name and title.

Harvey L. Ward Jr.
Mayor