

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the people of Russia who immigrated to Stratford are an important part of the Town's history and its future; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been many talented and bright Russian-born individuals who significantly impacted on the industrial growth of Stratford, and most notably, aircraft designer and builder Igor Sikorsky; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Russia have been hard-working people that have built a strong work ethic in Stratford; and

**WHEREAS**, Russian families have added significantly to the social development of Stratford, while also influencing local art and music forms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Perry House Foundation, Inc. has chosen to focus attention on the accomplishments of Stratford's Russian population through a series of Russian Cultural Events throughout the month of October, culminating in the elegant Perry-Stroika Community Ball.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE HONORABLE JOHN A. HARKINS**, Mayor of Stratford, hereby declare

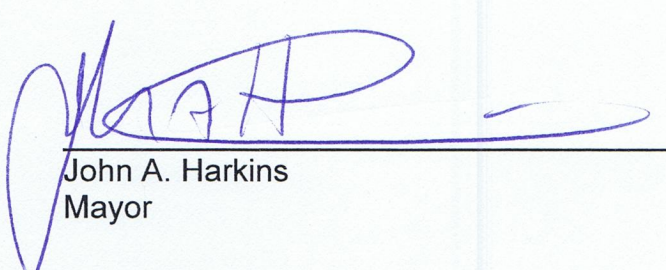
**October 2010**

**RUSSIAN CULTURAL MONTH**

in Stratford and I encourage the residents, businesses and community leaders of the Town of Stratford to recognize and celebrate Russian culture to the fullest extent.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Town of Stratford this October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010



  
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John A. Harkins  
Mayor