

On November 4, 2008, the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act, sponsored by Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, came into force in Alberta.

Today, we commemorate the victims of the Holodomor; and through this day, we increase the community's awareness of the genocide by famine that occurred in Ukraine in 1932-1933.

Ukrainian famine display panels provided courtesy of the League of Ukrainian Canadians

12:30 p.m.

Refreshments in the Lower Rotunda of the Legislature Building provided by members of The League of Ukrainian Canadians, The League of Ukrainian Canadian Women, and the Ukrainian Youth Unity Centre, Edmonton

Program

12:00 noon

*O Canada and Ukrainian National Anthem
Ukrainian Bilingual Students -
St. Martin & St. Matthew Catholic School Choirs*

Welcome

*The Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, MLA
Speaker of the Alberta Legislative Assembly*

Commemorations

*The Honourable Alison Redford, MLA
Premier of Alberta*

*Ms. Danielle Smith, MLA
Leader of the Official Opposition*

*Dr. Raj Sherman, MLA
Leader of the Liberal Opposition*

*Mr. Brian Mason, MLA
Leader of the New Democrat Opposition*

*Ms. Genia Leskiw, MLA
Chair, Advisory Council on Alberta-Ukraine Relations*

*Ms. Daria Luciw, Past-President
Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Prov. Council*

Mr. Leonid Korownyk, Holodomor Survivor

Interpretive Dance – “Halyna’s Lament” (Composed by Gene Zwozdesky)

*Performed by Ukrainian Bilingual Program Students from
St. Matthew Catholic School*

Song of Remembrance “1933”

*Performed by Ukrainian Bilingual Program Students from
St. Martin & St. Matthew Catholic School Choirs*

Candle Lighting

Honourable Alison Redford, Premier

Minute of Silence

12:30pm

Refreshments in Lower Rotunda

Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act - Chapter U-0.5
(as introduced by Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, 2008)

Preamble

Whereas millions of Ukrainians perished as a result of the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33;

Whereas the term "Holodomor" is a Ukrainian word that means "extermination by means of starvation" and is used to describe the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33;

Whereas it is recognized that the Soviet authorities denied, concealed or destroyed information about the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33 and that accurate information about this tragic event is only now being made available;

Whereas the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the largest regional security organization in the world, passed a resolution that welcomes the recognition of the Holodomor in the United Nations, by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and by the national parliaments of a number of the OSCE participating States;

Whereas the OSCE strongly encourages all parliaments to adopt acts regarding recognition of the Holodomor;

Whereas some of the survivors of the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33 and their descendants reside in Alberta and have contributed greatly to Alberta's cultural, economic, political and educational life;

Whereas the people of Alberta value democratic freedoms, human rights and the rule of law, honour the values of compassion and honesty, and cherish the multicultural vibrancy of the Province;

Whereas the 4th Saturday in November has been recognized by the Parliament of Canada and other Legislatures in Canada as a day to commemorate the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33;

Whereas 2008 marks the 75th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33; and

Whereas it is important and fitting to observe Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day for the purposes of recognizing the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33 and of reflecting on the horrific legacy of this event;

Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day

1. The 4th Saturday in November in each year is proclaimed as "Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day."

THE SPEAKER

LEGISLATIVE



ASSEMBLY

ALBERTA

*4th Anniversary of the
Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor)
Memorial Day Act*

hosted by

*The Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta*

organized by

*Ms. Genia Leskiw, MLA
Bonnyville-Cold Lake
Chair, Advisory Council on Alberta-Ukraine Relations*

in co-operation with

*Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council
Ms Daria Luciw, Past-President
Ms Barbara Hlus, President-Elect*

*Legislature Building Rotunda
12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 20, 2012*