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Bill 390

**An Act to proclaim Ukrainian Famine
and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial
Day**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to proclaim the fourth Saturday in November in each year Ukranian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day.

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AN ACT TO PROCLAIM UKRAINIAN FAMINE AND GENOCIDE (HOLODOMOR) MEMORIAL DAY

AS the Holodomor is the name given to the famine and genocide that occurred in Ukraine in 1932 and 1933;

AS millions of Ukrainians perished as victims of a famine deliberately induced by the Soviet regime under Joseph Stalin to quash the aspirations of the Ukrainian people for a free and independent Ukraine;

AS the President of Ukraine issued a Presidential Decree on 26 November 1998 establishing the fourth Saturday in November as a National Day of Remembrance for the victims of this mass atrocity;

AS, in recent years, a number of countries have in various ways acknowledged the Holodomor in Ukraine as historical fact;

AS there is a Ukrainian community in Québec;

AS our fellow citizens of Ukrainian origin care deeply about commemorating the victims of the Ukrainian famine and genocide of 1932 and 1933;

AS Quebecers are committed to defending democratic values and human rights and as they reject intolerance and ethnic exclusion;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** The fourth Saturday in November in each year is proclaimed Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day.
- 2.** This Act comes into force on *(insert the date of assent to this Act)*.

