

2008 Bill 37

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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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UKRAINIAN FAMINE AND GENOCIDE (HOLODOMOR) MEMORIAL DAY ACT

HON. MR. ZWOZDESKY

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 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 by 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”.

