

Rep. Howrylak offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 186.

A resolution to declare November 28, 2015, as Holodomor Memorial Day in the state of Michigan.

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

Whereas, The term “*Holodomor*” is a Ukrainian word that means “extermination by means of starvation”; and

Whereas, It is recognized that the Soviet authorities denied, concealed, or destroyed information about the Holodomor and that accurate information about this tragic event has only recently been made available; and

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; and

Whereas, The OSCE strongly encourages all parliaments and legislatures to adopt acts regarding recognition of the Holodomor; and

Whereas, Some of the survivors of the Holodomor and their descendants reside in Michigan and have contributed to Michigan’s cultural, economic, political, and educational life; and

Whereas, The people of Michigan value democratic freedoms, human rights, and the rule of law, honor the values of compassion and honesty, and cherish the multicultural vibrancy of the state; and

Whereas, The 4th Saturday in November has been recognized internationally as a day to commemorate the Holodomor; and

Whereas, 2015 marks the 82nd anniversary of the Holodomor; and

Whereas, It is important and fitting to observe Holodomor Memorial Day for the purposes of recognizing the Holodomor and of reflecting on the horrific legacy of this event; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare November 28, 2015, as Holodomor Memorial Day in the state of Michigan.