



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

HOLODOMOR REMEMBERENCE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** 89 years ago, Soviet leader Joseph Stalin and his totalitarian regime were responsible for a severe famine that resulted in the deaths of 7 - 10 million Ukrainian men, women, and children. The Holodomor was recognized as a genocide by the U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine in 1988; and
- WHEREAS:** Soviet policies targeted the population of Ukraine, including blacklisting Ukrainian communities and restricting travel by starving Ukrainians to prevent them from seeking relief in other areas, as well as the arrests, deportation, and execution of Ukrainian leaders and workers deemed to be against the Soviet regime; and
- WHEREAS:** The Holodomor, meaning “murder by starvation,” was specifically designed by the Soviet regime to punish independent-minded Ukrainians for their resistance to Stalin’s political, economic, cultural, and social subjugation; and even as the Soviets continued to export Ukraine’s grain to the rest of the world, Ukrainian farmers, who tended to the farms in the breadbasket of Europe, were purposefully starved; and
- WHEREAS:** As Ukraine once again finds itself threatened by another example of relentless Russian aggression attempting to suppress a free nation and its social, cultural, historical, economic, and national development, we remember this genocide and the continued pattern of aggression Ukrainians have faced as Russia attempts to destroy their national identity; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia remembers the Holodomor and seeks to honor its victims and raise awareness of this tragic episode in world history; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2023, as HOLODOMOR REMEMBERENCE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28th Day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B.P.K.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martin Kipatrich

CHIEF OF STAFF