



In the Name and by the Authority of
**THE STATE OF
OHIO**



WHEREAS, 90 years ago, Soviet leader Joseph Stalin and his totalitarian regime committed an act of genocide through the implementation of an engineered famine, confiscating land, grain, and animals from the Ukrainian people resulting in the deaths of 5 to 12 million innocent men, women, children, and countless others whose names are lost to history, since most records were either destroyed during WWII or deliberately suppressed; and

WHEREAS, this genocide, 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 oppression; and

WHEREAS, 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 in a slow and painful death; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of archival KGB documents created during this genocide detailed and described the Soviet regime's actions and intention to destroy Ukraine's national identity by deporting and executing Ukraine's religious, intellectual, and cultural leaders, prosecuting or executing any others who dared to speak of the Holodomor or to speak against the Soviet authorities publicly; and

WHEREAS, the official recognition of the Holodomor as a genocide by the government of Ukraine represents a significant step in adjudicating Soviet crimes and in reestablishing Ukraine's national identity and the advancement of efforts to establish a democratic and free Ukraine that is fully integrated into the Western Community of nations; and

WHEREAS, in relating the historical context of the 1932-1933 Holodomor and the current war in Ukraine, the poignant theme as we approach the upcoming 90th anniversary commemoration of the Holodomor remains profound and significant; and

WHEREAS, in remembrance of the Holodomor victims of the crimes against humanity, memorials have been established worldwide, including in Washington, D.C., Parma, Ohio, and North Royalton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, it has been established that, each November, we remember the millions of inhabitants of Ukraine who were murdered during the Holodomor-Genocide, and work to increase awareness of the underlying causes and subsequent suppression of this heinous crime;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize November 2023 as

**UKRAINIAN HOLODOMOR GENOCIDE
REMEMBRANCE MONTH**

on this 1st day of November 2023.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor