Bill 390

(2010, chapter 14)

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

Introduced 25 November 2009
Passed in principle 2 June 2010
Passed 4 June 2010
Assented to 4 June 2010
EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this Act is to proclaim the fourth Saturday in November in each year Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day.
Bill 390

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

AS the Holodomor is the name given to the great 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;

AS the forced collectivization of agriculture imposed by the Soviet regime under Joseph Stalin resulted in the death of millions among the other peoples of the former Soviet Union;

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

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. For greater certainty, Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day is not a legal holiday or a non-juridical day.

3. This Act comes into force on 4 June 2010.