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**Bill 390**

(2010, chapter 14)

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

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**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*The purpose of this Act is to proclaim the fourth Saturday in November in each year Ukranian 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.