



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Between 1932 and 1933, 7 to 10 million inhabitants of the Ukraine perished as a result of a genocide by famine, artificially created by the country's Stalinist Soviet government; and

WHEREAS: In 2013, Ukrainians around the world are observing the 80th anniversary of this genocide, now known as Holodomor, or killing by enforced starvation; and

WHEREAS: On November 16, 2013, Minnesotans of Ukrainian descent, along with their friends and supporters, are also observing the 80th anniversary of this tragic event; and

WHEREAS: The observance is marked by community and church ceremonies, a memorial program, and a week-long memorial food drive, with proceeds going to local Minnesota food shelves.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 16, 2013, as:

UKRAINIAN FAMINE MEMORIAL DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 14th day of November.




GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE