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Legislative Assembly Commemorates Holodomor

Edmonton – “The Holodomor is remembered as one of the darkest chapters in the history of humanity,” said Honourable Robert E. Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. “In commemorating the Holodomor, we honour those who lost their lives during this horrific time and we give voice to their stories.”

At noon on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, Speaker Wanner will host a commemoration ceremony in the Legislature rotunda to mark Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day in Alberta.

Remarks will be provided by:

- The Honourable Robert E. Wanner, MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
- The Honourable Deron Bilous, MLA, Minister of Economic Development and Trade on behalf of the Premier of Alberta
- Mr. David Hanson, MLA, on behalf of the Leader of the Official Opposition
- Ms. Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz, President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council

The ceremony will also include choir performances by students from St. Martin’s Catholic school and St. Matthew Catholic school, followed by a candle lighting and prayer. A light reception will follow in the lower rotunda.

Visit our Flickr page for photos after the event: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/legassemblyofab/>.

The Holodomor was a government-imposed famine in the Ukrainian SSR, where an estimated 4 to 10 million individuals died of starvation from 1932 to 1933. In 2008 the Legislative Assembly of Alberta passed *Bill 37, Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act*. The Act proclaims the 4th Saturday in November in each year as a day of Holodomor remembrance in Alberta.

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