

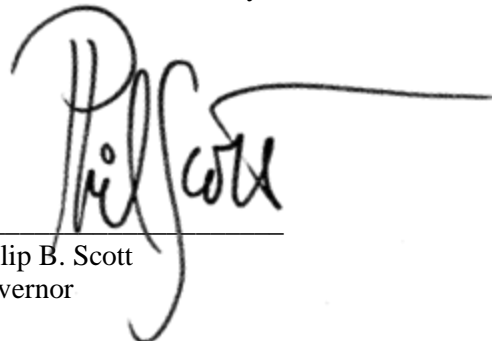
State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** 87 years ago, Soviet leader Joseph Stalin and his totalitarian regime committed an act of genocide through the implementation of an engineered famine, confiscating all foodstuffs from the Ukrainian people, resulting in the deaths of 7 - 10 million innocent men, women and children; 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 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 to 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, and prosecuting or executing others who dared to speak of the Holodomor; and
- WHEREAS,** through the newly-released major motion film entitled, “Mr. Jones,” depicting Welsh journalist Gareth Jones who reported on the Holodomor, the world is afforded an opportunity to understand the realities of the Soviet crime; and
- WHEREAS,** under the theme “Ukraine Remembers, the World Acknowledges,” it is incumbent upon the global community to recognize the Ukrainian Holodomor (1932-1933) as a genocide and a crime against humanity, all the while learning from the past to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim November 2020 as

UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE MONTH

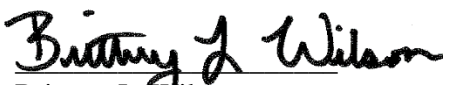
in Vermont and urge Vermonters to remember the Holodomor by honoring its victims and educating the world about this tragic episode in the world’s history.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 27th day of November, A.D. 2020.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs