



Borough of Highlands

Proclamation

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE –
HOLODOMOR OF 1932-1933

WHEREAS, 90 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 men, women and children; and

WHEREAS, this genocide, *HOLODOMOR*, meaning “murder by starvation”, was intentionally designed by the Soviets to punish independent-minded Ukrainians for their resistance to Stalin’s political, economic, cultural, and social subjugation; and

WHEREAS, even as the Soviets continued to export Ukraine’s grain to the rest of the world, Ukrainian farmers, who tended the farms in the breadbasket of Europe, were purposefully starved in a slow and painful death; and

WHEREAS, the official recognition of the *HOLODOMOR* as a genocide represents a significant step in reestablishing Ukraine’s national identity and the advancement of efforts to establish a democratic and free Ukraine that is fully integrated into the Western community of nations; and

WHEREAS, the current war in Ukraine has been referred to as a genocide and is yet another example of relentless Russian aggression attempting to suppress a freedom-loving nation and its social, cultural, historical, economic, and national development; and

WHEREAS, in relating the historical context of the 1932-1933 *HOLODOMOR* and the current war in Ukraine, the theme remains profound and significant: *HOLODOMOR THEN, GENOCIDE NOW, JUSTICE WHEN?; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor Carolyn Broullon, Mayor of Highlands, on behalf of its citizens, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2023 as “**Ukrainian Holodomor-Genocide Remembrance Month**” in Highlands, New Jersey and urge all individuals, groups, organizations, and institutions to remember the *HOLODOMOR* and to honor its victims and educate the world about this tragic episode in the world’s history.

Mayor Carolyn Broullon

Dated this 1st day of November, 2023