

## UKRAINIAN CANADIAN STUDENTS' UNION СОЮЗ УКРАЇНСЬКОГО СТУДЕНТСТВА КАНАДИ UNION DES ÉTUDIANTS UKRAINIENS CANADIENS

Today, November 24<sup>th</sup>, marks Holodomor Memorial Day around the world; a day to commemorate the 1932-1933 Act of Genocide by Famine engineered by the Soviet Stalinist regime, an effort designed to exterminate the Ukrainian nation by means of deliberate starvation. Today, the world acknowledges the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Holodomor where an estimated several million people died at the hands of starvation. In Canada, the Federal Government - as well as several provincial legislatures - have recognized the Holodomor as an act of genocide against the Ukrainian people.

SUSK (Ukrainain Canadian Students' Union) members have been marking the Holodomor at universities across the country with events such as Holodomor film screenings, presenting informational exhibits/displays and lecture seminars, as well as participating in public memorial events.

"It is so important that we, and future generations, continue to mark this tragic anniversary, so that the world is made aware to the heinous crimes that were committed against the Ukrainian people during that dark period," says Adrian Warchola, SUSK-External Director.

"Ukrainian Canadian students are critical in the effort to raise awareness about this dark chapter of world history. Sadly, there are still too many nations that refuse to recognize this terrible tragedy. This needs to change. Further, one year away from the 80th year milestone, we sincerely hope that the Government of Canada will at last act to ensure a permanent exhibit with respect to the Holodomor in the Canadian Human Rights Museum. It is important that such painful episodes be openly displayed and studied, for the benefit of national and international audiences, with the hope that such acts never be repeated," concluded Danylo Korbabicz, SUSK-President.

Show your remembrance - Today, November 24<sup>th</sup>, pause for a moment of silence at 7:32pm and light a candle in memory of the millions who perished. Also, share this status and together, let's reveal the truth about the Holodomor to the world.

Photo below: The UWO Ukrainian Students' Club presents a Holodomor exhibit at the University of Western Ontario. (Photo from: BCU Financial Group – Buduchnist CU

