

# PROCLAMATION

## *On the 87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ukrainian Genocide - Holodomor - of 1932-1933*

**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 Ukrainians for their resistance to Stalin's political, economic, and social oppression; and

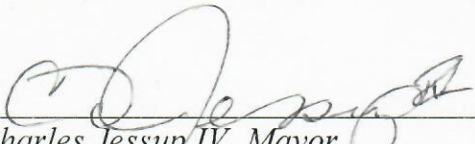
**WHEREAS**, even as the Soviets continued to export Ukraine's grain to the rest of the world, Ukrainian farmers, who tended to the farms in the breadbasket of Europe, were purposefully starved to a slow and painful death; and

**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 and prosecuting or executing others who dared to speak of the *Holodomor*; and

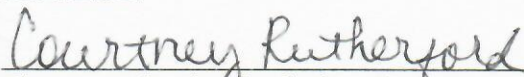
**WHEREAS**, through the newly-released major motion film entitled "*Mr. Jones*," the world is afforded an opportunity to understand the realities of the Soviet crime, and,

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon the global community to recognize the Ukrainian *Holodomor* as a planned 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, *Charles D. Jessup IV*, Mayor of Meadows Place, Texas, on behalf of all its residents, do hereby proclaim November 7, 2020 as "**Ukrainian Genocide Remembrance Day**" in Meadows Place, Texas

  
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Charles Jessup IV, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary  
Dated: August 21, 2020

