

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 208

Reps. DeSana, Greene, Maddock and Fox offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare November 7, 2025, as Victims of
2 Communism Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, November 7 marks the anniversary of the Bolshevik
4 Revolution of 1917, which ushered in the world's first totalitarian
5 communist regime and set in motion a century of oppression, mass
6 murder, and human suffering; and

7 Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes the immeasurable
8 human toll caused by communist regimes throughout the twentieth
9 century, which collectively claimed the lives of more than one
10 hundred million men, women, and children worldwide; and

11 Whereas, According to The Black Book of Communism, a
12 historical study on the crimes of communist governments, these
13 deaths include an estimated 20 million victims in the Soviet Union

1 through purges, gulags, and forced collectivization; 65 million in
2 the People's Republic of China through mass starvation and
3 political persecution; 2 million in North Korea through executions,
4 labor camps, and famine; 2 million in Cambodia under the Khmer
5 Rouge; 1 million in Vietnam through reeducation camps and purges; 1
6 million across Soviet-dominated Eastern Europe; 1.5 million in
7 Ethiopia; and roughly 100,000 in Cuba through executions,
8 imprisonment, and escape attempts. Together these reflect one of
9 history's most catastrophic assaults on human freedom; and

10 Whereas, Each of these numbers represents not mere statistics,
11 but individual human beings, sons and daughters, fathers and
12 mothers, who perished under systems that denied their most basic
13 rights to life, liberty, and human dignity; and

14 Whereas, The United States of America, founded upon the
15 principles of liberty, justice, and individual sovereignty, has
16 long stood as a beacon of freedom in defiance of communist tyranny;
17 and

18 Whereas, Michigan holds a unique and deeply personal
19 connection to this cause, as thousands of our residents and their
20 families have fled communist oppression from nations such as
21 Poland, Ukraine, Vietnam, Cuba, and others in pursuit of liberty
22 and a better life. Michigan communities have been strengthened by
23 these survivors, whose stories of courage, perseverance, and faith
24 in freedom serve as living testimony to the blessings of our
25 Republic and a warning against the perils of totalitarian
26 ideologies; and

27 Whereas, It is vital that Michiganders remember the truth
28 about the atrocities committed under communism so that the cause of
29 liberty may endure and tyranny never again prevail; now, therefore,

1 be it

2 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
3 this legislative body declare November 7, 2025, as Victims of
4 Communism Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

5 Resolved, That the people of Michigan are encouraged to
6 observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and educational
7 activities to honor the memory of those who suffered and perished
8 under communist regimes and to reaffirm our state's commitment to
9 the cause of human freedom and constitutional liberty.