

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 208

Reps. DeSana, Greene, Maddock, Fox, Arbit, Kelly and Xiong  
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.