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victims of communism day

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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2037**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 7, 2024 AS VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM DAY IN ARIZONA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1           Whereas, more than 100 years have passed since the Bolshevik  
2 Revolution in Russia and the formation of the first communist government  
3 under Vladimir Lenin, leading to decades of oppression and violence under  
4 communist regimes throughout the world; and

5           Whereas, based on the economic philosophies of Karl Marx, communism  
6 has proven to be incompatible with the ideals of liberty, prosperity and  
7 dignity of human life and has given rise to such infamous totalitarian  
8 dictators as Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, Fidel Castro and  
9 Pol Pot; and

10           Whereas, communist regimes worldwide have killed more than 100  
11 million people and subjected countless others to exploitation and  
12 unspeakable atrocities, with victims representing many different  
13 ethnicities, creeds and backgrounds; and

14           Whereas, through false promises of equality and liberation or  
15 through coercion, brutality and fear, communist regimes have  
16 systematically robbed their own citizens of the rights of freedom of  
17 worship, freedom of speech and freedom of association; and

18           Whereas, many victims of communism were persecuted as political  
19 prisoners for speaking out against these regimes, and others were killed  
20 in genocidal state-sponsored purges of undesirable groups; and

21           Whereas, in addition to violating basic human rights, communist  
22 regimes have suppressed intellectual freedom, cultural life and  
23 self-determination movements in more than 40 nations.

24 Therefore

25 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
26 the Senate concurring:

27           1. That the Members of the Legislature proclaim November 7, 2024 as  
28 Victims of Communism Day in Arizona.

29           2. That the Members of the Legislature encourage the citizens and  
30 schools of this state to observe the day and to honor the millions of  
31 people around the world who have fallen victim to communist regimes  
32 through poverty, starvation, imprisonment, forced migration, death,  
33 violence and suppression of basic human rights.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE FEBRUARY 13, 2024.

PASSED BY THE SENATE JUNE 12, 2024.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE JUNE 12, 2024.