



# Proclamation

## DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE APRIL 24, 2024

**WHEREAS**, on this day in 1915, the Ottoman Empire began its systematic genocide of Armenian people, a minority group that had long been treated as second-class citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the Armenian Genocide began with the forced deportation and murder of hundreds of Armenian intellectuals and community leaders and ended eight years later with the deaths of 1.5 million men, women and children;

**WHEREAS**, it was the first genocide of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century; and

**WHEREAS**, as we remember the victims and survivors of the Armenian Genocide, we also honor the strength and resilience of the Armenian people. Forced to build new lives in all corners of the globe, Armenians bravely forged ahead in the face of unimaginable tragedy. Thousands made their homes in California, and we are greater for their contributions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY** proclaim April 24, 2024 as a "DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE" in the City of San Fernando, and in doing so we urge every resident to recommit to making certain that the Armenian Genocide is never forgotten, and that they always speak out against hatred and atrocities anywhere they occur.

*April 15, 2024*



  
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