

April 10, 1987

STATE OF COLORADO

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONORARY PROCLAMATION

ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY
APRIL 24, 1987

WHEREAS, on April 24, 1915, the Ottoman Turks arrested and killed 250 Armenian community leaders and intellectuals, an act which signaled the genocide that was to follow; and

WHEREAS, the Turks then massacred 1.5 million Armenians and drove many millions more into exile from their ancient homeland; and

WHEREAS, some of those exiles eventually found a new home in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the suffering of the ancestors of their compatriots, all Coloradans should take time to recall the memory of the Armenian martyrs and yet another epoch in history when justice and compassion gave way to senseless slaughter and hatred;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of Colorado, proclaim April 24, 1987, as

ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this tenth day of April, A.D. 1987

(SIGNED)
Roy Romer
Governor