

## Proclamation

WHEREAS,

One and one half-million Christian Armenian men, women, and children were the victims of brutal genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Turkish Government from 1915-1923; and

WHEREAS,

the Armenian genocide and massacres of Armenian people have been recognized as an attempt to eliminate all traces of a thriving and noble civilization over 3,000 years old; and

WHEREAS,

recognition of the eighty-ninth anniversary of this genocide is crucial to guarding against the repetition of future genocide and educating people about the atrocities connected to these horrific events; and

WHEREAS,

Armenian-Americans living in Louisiana have greatly enriched our state through their leadership in business, agriculture, academia, government, and the arts; and

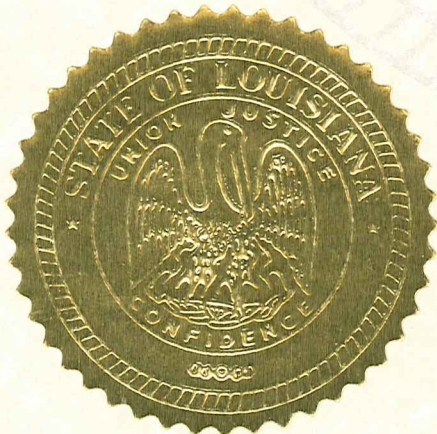
WHEREAS,

vision loss from diabetic retinopathy is permanent and cannot be restored.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2004, as

### DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By  
The Governor

*[Signature]*  
Secretary of State

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 28th day of April  
A.D., 2004.

*[Signature]*  
Governor of Louisiana