

# THE COUNCIL



CITY OF NEW YORK



# Proclamation



**Whereas:**

*The Council of the City of New York marks the 87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and proclaims April 24, 2002 to be Armenian Martyrs Day in the City of New York; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Between 1915 and 1923, the Ottoman Turks carried out a genocidal campaign that led to the extermination of 1,500,000 Armenians and the deportation of countless other Armenians; and*

**WHEREAS:** *During the genocide, Armenians were forced to witness the rape, mutilation and slaughter of their families, the desecration of their churches, the looting of their personal property, the dispossession of their real property and the loss of their ancestral homeland; and*

**WHEREAS:** *The ancestral homeland of the Armenian people taken by the Ottoman Turks has not been returned to the Armenian people, nor have Armenians received compensation for their losses; and*

**WHEREAS:** *The denial of the genocide by modern Turkey dishonors the memory of the forefathers of all living Armenians; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Armenians have traditionally designated April 24th as Armenian Martyrs Day in recognition and remembrance of those who perished during the genocide; and*

**WHEREAS:** *The year 2002 marks the 87<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the genocide; and*


**WHEREAS:** *It is of utmost importance to remember the past so that its atrocities are not repeated; now, therefore*

**BE IT KNOWN:** *That the Council of the City of New York declares April 24, 2002 to be*

## ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY

*In the City of New York.*

*Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year Two Thousand and Two.*

  
MELINDA KATZ  
Council Member, 29<sup>th</sup> District  
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