



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, every year on April 24th, Armenians throughout the world commemorate Armenian Remembrance Day, pausing in solemn reflection on one of the darkest hours in Armenian history; and

Whereas, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the onset of this tragic event, when, on April 24, 1915, hundreds of Armenian religious leaders, intellectuals, and other notables were summarily rounded up and arrested in Constantinople, marking the beginning of an eight-year period of detention, deportation, and massacre of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians in what then was known as the Ottoman Empire; and

Whereas, the diaspora of Armenians throughout the world brought hundreds of thousands of immigrants to the shores of our state and nation, kindling a regeneration of Armenian life and culture throughout the world; today, the many contributions of the Armenian American community are testimony to its spirit and courage, and Armenian Americans are a crucial part of the rich tapestry of New York State; and

Whereas, we honor the memories of the victims of the Armenian Genocide and pay tribute to the survivors, especially those who have established roots in New York State, where new generations of Armenian Americans continue to thrive; and

Whereas, it is fitting that New Yorkers join with the Armenian American community in marking this observance and in recalling the lessons of the Armenian Genocide, as we work towards a world free from human suffering;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2015 as

ARMENIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this sixteenth day of April in the year two thousand fifteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor