



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY

April 24, 2002

WHEREAS, We shall forever remember the tragic genocide of over a million and a half Armenians at the hands of the Turkish-Ottoman Empire and strive to discover a world in which these atrocities stand as a solitary and isolated memory; and

WHEREAS, the importance of this anniversary lies in the ideals we seek to extol through our dedicated and vigorous examination of the violence and hatred millions of people experienced at the turn of the century; and

WHEREAS, the memories and images of this tragedy confer upon us a human responsibility, a duty that asks that we endeavor to transcend depravity and work to uphold the precepts of goodness, freedom and human dignity; and

WHEREAS, we shall commit ourselves to never overlooking, neglecting or forgetting this time of human cruelty and systematic tyranny; and

WHEREAS, we remember those who died for their beliefs and principles as a result of the Turkish persecution; and

WHEREAS, it is the efforts of people, working in unison for a noble purpose, to recognize and address human indignities, that demonstrates to the citizens of our Commonwealth and far beyond, that a brilliant future lies ahead for our communities, our Commonwealth, our nation and our world.

THEREFORE, In observance of this historic event, I, Mark S. Schweiker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2002, as ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY, and encourage all citizens to study, remember and discuss this history.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and two and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

MARK S. SCHWEIKER
Governor