

# A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*  
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by ALDERMAN THEODORE MATLAK on MARCH 14, 2007

**Whereas**, The Armenian community, as well as the global community, remembers the Armenian Genocide, which occurred 92 years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, During this tragic period of history between the years of 1915 and 1923, Armenians were forced to witness the genocide of their loved ones, and the loss of their ancestral homelands; and

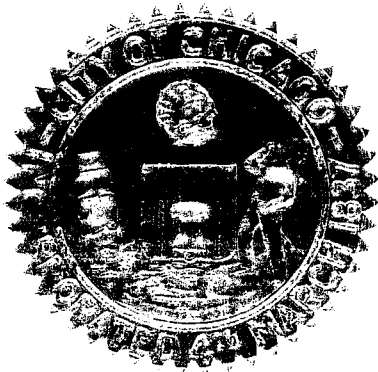
**WHEREAS**, This extermination and forced relocation of over 1.5 million Armenians by the Ottoman Turks is recognized every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Armenians continue to be a people full of hope, courage, faith and pride in their heritage, working together to rebuild a firm foundation for Armenia; and

**WHEREAS**, Many of the fifteen-thousand Armenian-Americans in Illinois are descendents or survivors of the Armenian genocide, and have been forthright in their efforts to preserve their culture, heritage and language, while contributing much to our state and our nation's diverse society and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Both recognition and education concerning past atrocities such as the Armenian Genocide is crucial in the prevention of future crimes against humanity; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That I, Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2007, as ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY in Illinois, in honor of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.



  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK