

City of Charlotte, North Carolina Proclamation

WHEREAS, between 1915 – 1923 the deaths of more than one and one-half million Christian Armenians and the deportation of countless other Armenians took place by the Ottoman Empire; and

WHEREAS, during this atrocity, Armenians witnessed the loss of their relatives and their ancestral homeland; and

WHEREAS, ancestral lands taken by the Ottoman Turks have not been returned to the Armenian people, and the struggle for cultural heritage continues; and

WHEREAS, Armenians have traditionally designated April 24th as Armenian Martyrs Day, in recognition and remembrance of those who died; and

WHEREAS, the year 2006 marks the 91st Anniversary of this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, it is important to remember history so that mistakes of the past are not repeated in future generations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patrick McCrory, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2006 as

“ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY”

in Charlotte, and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS MY HAND and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.



Pat McCrory
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Mayor