

Proclamation



HEREAS, April 24th marks the ninety second anniversary of the tragic Genocide of 1.5 million Armenians planned and executed by the leaders of the Ottoman Empire; and

WHEREAS, despite the overwhelming evidence borne out by a wealth of documentation, the Turkish government has never recognized nor accepted responsibility for the genocide of the Armenian people from 1915 to 1923; and

WHEREAS, by denying and trying to distort the facts of this first genocide of the 20th Century, the present day Turkish government deprives the Armenian people of their right to their own history and ancient homeland; and

WHEREAS, recognition of these instances of the Turkish inhumanity to the Armenian population is crucial to guarding against the recurrence of genocide; and

WHEREAS, the survivors and descendants of this genocide which drove them from their homeland, recall and commemorate April 24, 1915 as Armenian Martyr's Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Board of Commissioners of Clark County, Nevada, do hereby declare April 24th, 2007, as

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE DAY

in Clark County and commending this observance to all citizens.

CHIP MAXFIELD, Vice Chair

BRUCE L. WOODBURY, Commissioner

TOM COLLINS, Commissioner

SUSAN BRAGER, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

SHIRLEY B. PARRAGUIRRE, County Clerk