

HEREAS, April 24 marks the anniversary of the 1.5 million victims of the tragic Armenian Genocide of 1915 - 1923; 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; 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 24, 2014, as

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION DAY

in Clark County and commend this observance to all citizens.

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ATTEST:

DIANA ALBA, County Clerk