

## A Proclamation by the Governor

**Whereas**; 2010 marks the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the commencement of the first genocide of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the genocide of approximately 1.5 million Armenian men, women and children of Anatolia at the direction of the Ottoman Turks; and

**Whereas**; the survivors of this massacre have maintained their identity and unity through their church, passing along to each generation not only a strong Christian faith but a knowledge of their language, history and culture; and

Whereas; the heroic struggles of the Armenian people inspire and challenge us to cherish and preserve the freedom that is ours; and

Whereas; all citizens are urged to commemorate this tragic event which drove the survivors and descendents of this genocide from their homeland; and

Whereas; Nevada joins with the Armenian Community in honoring the memory of these victims at this very special "Celebration of Life";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM GIBBONS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2010 as

## ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY



On	Witness	Whereof,	I have	hereunto
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