

On this day, February 28, 2015, I, Lieutenant Governor Mark A. Hutchison, and the State of Nevada wish to acknowledge the Anniversary of the

April 24th, 1915 Armenian Genocide.

The systematic killing and forced relocation of the Armenian people lasted until 1923, and claimed the lives of 1.5 million Armenians and caused the displacement of 500,000 more from their homeland.

Many fled to the United States, and today Nevada is home to a vibrant growing Armenian-American population. This thriving community is a proud reminder of survival and determination even in the face of extreme injustice.

As Lieutenant Governor and President of the Nevada State Senate, I urge my fellow Nevadans to help raise awareness of the Armenian Genocide and to participate in the remembrance and mourning of the loss of innocent lives a century ago.

I call upon Congress and the President of the United States to recognize the atrocities committed against the Armenian people, and call upon the Republic of Turkey to acknowledge the facts of the Armenian Genocide

and work toward a just resolution.

Mark A. Hutchison

Lieutenant Governor