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INDIANA'S GOV. WHITCOMB SETS APRIL 24-30 AS 'MARTYRS WEEK'

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana—His Excellency Edgar Whitcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, recently issued a **proclamation** which designated April 24-30 as "Armenian Martyrs Week" in that State.

The Governor's **Proclamation** said:

"WHEREAS, April 24, 1915 commemorates the forceful deportation of two and one half million Armenians and the deliberate and planned genocide of the Armenians by the Turks, and

"WHEREAS, more than one and one half million Armenians were so massacred and murdered by the Turkish government plan and decree, and

"WHEREAS, this martyrdom, brought about by the Armenian adherence to Christianity and their general cultural and educational advancement and accomplishment made the Armenians to become the first nation in the 20th century to be the victims of genocide, and

"WHEREAS, American citizens of Armenian descent join other Armenians scattered throughout the world in observing and commemorating the 57th anniversary of those massacres paying tribute to the memory of those who gave their lives in the cause of religious and political freedom, and

"WHEREAS, we as Americans have always cherished the rights of human beings to be free and have the blessings of liberty guaranteed to us under our Bill of Rights and the Constitution:

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edgar D. Whitcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the period of April 24-30, 1972 as

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in Indiana and commemorate the 57th anniversary of the Armenian massacres by the Turks and ask all of our citizens to join with me in prayer giving moral support to the just cause of the Armenian people."