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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS towards the end of the last century, the government of the Ottoman Empire began to systematically persecute citizens of Armenian heritage, depriving them of their property, their dignity, and ultimately their lives; and

WHEREAS before this senseless policy of extermination was completed more than one million Armenian men, women, and children were murdered, while an additional half-million were exiled, virtually decimating a once large and proud ethnic minority; and

WHEREAS although it is often painful to recall the sometimes inexplicable injustices committed against large groups of people, it is universally important to remain ever vigilant so that no similar destruction and suffering reoccur; and

WHEREAS surviving descendants of the Ottoman government's purges continue to remember past atrocities committed against the Armenian people so that the dire mistakes of the past are never again repeated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rosemary I. Waldorf, Mayor of the Town of Chapel Hill, do hereby proclaim April 24, 1996 as

ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY

and commend the efforts conducted by the Armenian National Committee to promote peace, dignity, and respect for human lives by commemorating this date.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL
OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON
THIS THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF
APRIL, NINETEEN-HUNDRED NINETY-
SIX.

Rosemary Waldorf
Rosemary I. Waldorf, Mayor