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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one million five hundred thousand Armenians were systematically murdered and more than 500,000 were exiled by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1922; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of the United States should remember the atrocities committed by Turkish authorities and their collaborators and recognize that each of us must remain vigilant against tyranny; and

WHEREAS, Sunday, April 21, 1996, has been designated a day of remembrance of the victims of the Armenians Genocide; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the citizens of Durham to join in this commemoration with the Armenian National Committee of North Carolina to formally acknowledge the 81st anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sylvia S. Kerckhoff, Mayor of the City of Durham, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 24, 1996, as

"ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY"

in memory of those victims and in the hope that we will strive as a nation and individually, to overcome prejudice and inhumanity through education, vigilance and dedication to equal justice for all.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Durham, North Carolina, this the 15th day of April, 1996.



Sylvia S. Kerckhoff
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Mayor