



City Of Raleigh
North Carolina

TOM FETZER
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, during the second half of the 19th Century, the Armenian people became the target of increasing persecution by the Ottoman Empire; and,

WHEREAS, between 1894 and 1922, Armenian religious and political leaders were rounded up and killed, more than 1.8 million Armenians were massacred throughout Turkey and Asia Minor and 500,000 Armenians were exiled from their homeland; and,

WHEREAS, of more than 2.5 million Armenians living in the Ottoman Empire before World War I, fewer than 100,000 now live in Turkey, leaving the Armenian heartland virtually without Armenians; and,

WHEREAS, on April 24, the anniversary of the beginning of the 1915 Armenian genocide, Armenians from throughout our state will gather to commemorate this tragedy.

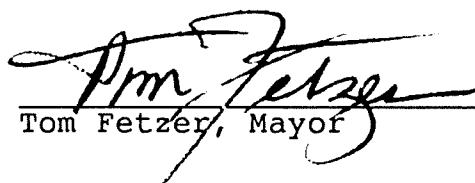
NOW, THEREFORE, do I, Tom Fetzer, Mayor of the City of Raleigh, hereby proclaim April 24, 1996 to be

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY

in Raleigh, in the hope that such a tragedy will never again befall the human race.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, to be affixed this sixteenth day of April, 1996.


Tom Fetzer, Mayor