

## PROCLAMATION

*We the Mayor and the City Council, by virtue of the authority vested by the City of Galveston, Texas, do proclaim*

**April 24, 2005**

*as*

### ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY

*in the City of Galveston*

**WHEREAS, City of Galveston and Armavir region in Armenia have been sister cities since September 2001 through the University of Texas Medical Branch healthcare and disaster preparedness collaboration funded by AIHA-USAID; and**

**WHEREAS, On April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Armenians around the world will commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armenian Genocide; during the First World War, the Turkish Empire in an effort of general extermination and elimination of all traces of a thriving and noble civilization over 3,000 years old; of the Armenians population in Eastern Turkey, massacred approximately 1.5 million men, women, and children in the twentieth century's first genocides; and**

**WHEREAS, The survivors and descendents of this genocide which drove them from their homeland, recall and commemorate April 24, 1915 as Armenian Martyr's Day; and**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council for the City of Galveston, Texas, does urge each and every citizen to join our sister city and commemorate this tragic event in world history and to strengthen our commitment to the cause of liberty and justice in this and all other nations of the world.**

**In testimony whereof, witness my hand and Seal of the City of Galveston, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2005.**



*Lyda Ann Thomas*  
Lyda Ann Thomas, Mayor

*Barbara Lawrence*  
Barbara Lawrence, City Secretary