



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS Between 1915 and 1923, prior to the establishment of the Republic of Turkey, more than a million and a half people of Armenian ancestry were victims of a genocide perpetrated by the governments of the Ottoman Empire; and,

WHEREAS Although the survivors of this massacre were scattered to all parts of the world, they have maintained their identity and unity through their church, passing along to each generation not only a strong Christian faith but a knowledge of their language, history and culture; and,

WHEREAS We join with the Armenian-American citizens of Central Texas in opposing such atrocities and in honoring the memory of these victims; and,

WHEREAS The heroic struggles of the Armenian people inspire and challenge us to cherish and preserve the freedom that is ours.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Maureen J. Jouett, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Killeen do hereby proclaim May 1 - 7, 2005 as

Armenian Genocide Remembrance Week



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Killeen to be affixed this 3rd day of May, 2005.


Maureen J. Jouett, MAYOR