

April 23, 1990

STATE OF ARIZONA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

A DAY OF ARMENIAN REMEMBRANCE

WHEREAS, beginning April 24, 1915, the Armenian people suffered a genocide of great proportion involving the loss of over one and one-half million lives; and

WHEREAS, Armenians have throughout their history suffered needless losses of their population that have bordered on the near annihilation of an entire race, twice having suffered at the hands of conquerors and driven from their homeland; and

WHEREAS, those who survived have continued to hope for a free homeland and for a world free of the desire to destroy an single race of people; and

WHEREAS, traditional to the Armenian custom, April 24th has been designated as "Armenian Martyrs Day" to remember such losses; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the citizens of Arizona to join in this commemoration to rededicate themselves to the principle of equal justice for all people and to remember the atrocities committed against this race so that such horrors are never repeated;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rose Mofford, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 24, 1990, as

A DAY OF ARMENIAN REMEMBRANCE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the States of Arizona

(SIGNED)  
Rose Mofford  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this the twenty-third day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fourteenth.

ATTEST:

(SIGNED)  
Jim Shumway  
Secretary of State