



THE CITY OF WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR RAYMOND V. MARIANO

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The extermination of more than one and one-half million Armenians by the Ottoman Turks and the forced deportation of countless others is remembered every year on April 24 since 1915 as Armenian Martyrs Day; and

WHEREAS: Eighty-one years ago Armenians were forced to witness the slaughter of their relatives and the loss of their ancestral homeland; and

WHEREAS: Modern Turkey continues to deny or distort the facts of the Armenian Genocide and honors the perpetrators of that crime against humanity as national heroes; and

WHEREAS: The continuous denial of the Armenian Genocide by the present-day Turkish government deprives the Armenian people of the right to their own history; and

WHEREAS: The Armenian people have not received reparations for their losses; and

WHEREAS: Ancestral Armenian lands have not been returned to the Armenian people;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Raymond V. Mariano, Mayor of the city of Worcester, in honor of this solemn occasion, do hereby proclaim April 24, 1996 to be:

**A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE ON THE
81'ST ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

in Worcester, Massachusetts and urge all citizens to take note of this special anniversary.

Raymond V. Mariano
Mayor of the City of Worcester

