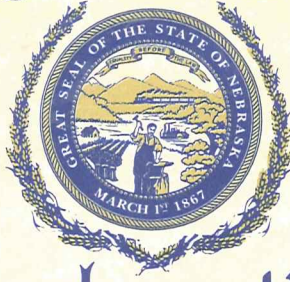


STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

One and one half million Christian Armenian men, women, and children were the victims of the brutal genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Turkish Government from 1915 to 1923; and

WHEREAS,

The Armenian genocide and massacres of Armenian people have been recognized as an attempt to eliminate all traces of a thriving and noble civilization over 3,000 years old; and

WHEREAS,

Recognition of the eighty-ninth anniversary of this genocide is crucial to guarding against the repetition of future genocide and educating people about the atrocities connected to these horrific events; and

WHEREAS,

Armenian-Americans living in Nebraska have greatly enriched our state through their leadership in business, agriculture, academia, government, and the arts.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Mike Johanns, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 24th day of April, 2004, as

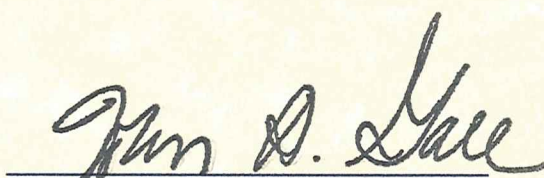
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in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Twenty-Third day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Four.



Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor