



ARMENIAN GENOCIDE 98th ANNIVERSARY

April 21, 2013

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, it is my distinct honour to join the Armenian community, and everyone here today, in commemorating the 98th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

I am proud to stand with you in remembering this very dark moment in human history. This occasion is an opportunity for us to come together in solemn reflection, and strengthen our resolve to reject intolerance and hatred in all its forms. Despite the passage of time, we must not — and will never — forget the Armenian Genocide, and the victims of this great tragedy.

Ontario is a province rooted in diversity, where we embrace and derive strength from our differences. I commend the members of the Armenian community for the countless ways in which you have enhanced our society. Let us continue to build a more caring, compassionate and inclusive society — and work toward a peaceful and harmonious world.

Your presence at today's ceremony attests to your commitment to passing the memory of the Armenian Genocide on to future generations. Together we must ensure that happens. And together we must remain steadfast in our efforts to shape a more just world, where mutual respect and understanding abound.

I offer everyone my best wishes for a very meaningful ceremony.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Wynne".

Kathleen Wynne
Premier