



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially proclaim:

Richmond Armenian Remembrance Day

In Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide
April 24, 1915 - April 24, 2015

Whereas, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize, honor and celebrate all Richmond Residents of Armenian heritage; and

Whereas, Located in the beautifully picturesque and mountainous South Caucasus region of Eurasia in the north of Western Asia, the Republic of Armenia is a country with a long important history and a proud resilient people; and

Whereas, April 24, 1915 is recognized as the date that marked the beginning of the Armenian Genocide, which included the mass slaughter of more than one and one-half million Armenians by the Ottoman Empire government and the forced deportation of countless others; and

Whereas, April 24, 2015 is the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and serves as a tragic reminder of this horrific event; and

Whereas, Richmond is proud to include many residents of Armenian descent who are an important part of our business, faith and cultural communities;

Now Therefore, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially pronounce and proclaim the day of April 24 as **Richmond Armenian Remembrance Day** in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and bring this to the attention of all Richmond Residents.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this thirteenth day of April, two thousand fifteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred thirty-first Year of the Richmond, in the two hundred thirty-ninth Year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Michelle R. Mosby
President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Jonathan T. Baillies
Councilman, Richmond City Council
Richmond West End 1st Voter District