

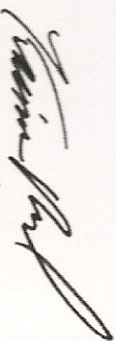
CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of the People of Atlanta, I commend

The Atlanta Armenian Community

as you assemble to commemorate the 1.5 million Armenian men, women and children who lost their lives during the Armenian genocide. This year's 97th anniversary of the genocide highlights an annual worldwide day of remembrance of the grave atrocities committed against the Armenian people between 1915 and 1923. Today, I salute the Armenian community for all that you do to advance human rights. Your promotion of a public dialogue regarding this genocide and its legacy will surely inspire positive race relations and build a strong foundation for unity within our community. On behalf of the people of Atlanta, we affirm our belief in tolerance and justice on Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day and every day afterwards.

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*Kasim Reed
Mayor of Atlanta*