

# Proclamation



## ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

### In Observance of Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day

**WHEREAS,** *The Atlanta City Council joins the Armenian National Committee of Georgia to commemorate and mourn the sufferings of the Armenian people when, from 1915 to 1923, more than 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children were murdered or sent on death marches; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day is consecrated as a national holiday in Armenia and observed by Armenians dispersed in communities throughout the world on April 24; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The United Nations' convention on the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide defines this action as the destruction of a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group; and*

**WHEREAS,** *While Armenia is one of the world's oldest civilizations and was the first country to officially embrace Christianity as its national religion, the bitterness of their early 20<sup>th</sup>-century genocide has not tarnished the pride of Armenians in their rich history, culture, and traditions; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Atlanta City Council commends the Armenian community for dedicatedly remembering all who needlessly lost their lives through the evils of a senseless holocaust.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE,** *the members of the Atlanta City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, do hereby commemorate this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018 as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day in the City of Atlanta. We recognize and honor the survivors of the 20<sup>th</sup>-century Armenian genocide as well as those who perished during this atrocious time, and we urge all people to affirm our commitment to tolerance, justice, and kinship in a moral and upright society.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE  
HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND  
CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY  
OF ATLANTA TO BE AFFIXED

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