

*A PROCLAMATION
BY THE
MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
PINEVILLE, N.C.*

WHEREAS, between 1915 – 1923 the deaths of more than one and one-half million Christian Armenians and the deportation of countless other Armenians took place by the Ottoman Empire, and;

WHEREAS, during this atrocity, Armenians witnessed the loss of their relatives and their ancestral homeland, and;

WHEREAS, ancestral lands taken by the Ottoman Turks have not been returned to the Armenian people, and the struggle for cultural heritage continues, and;

WHEREAS, Armenians have traditionally designated April 24th as Armenian Martyrs Day, in recognition and remembrance of those who died, and;

WHEREAS, the year 2006 marks the 91st Anniversary of this tragedy, and;

WHEREAS, it is important to remember history so that the mistakes of the past are not repeated in future generations;

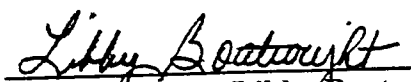
WE THEREFORE DO NOW PROCLAIM, April 24th, 2006 as

ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the **GREAT SEAL OF PINEVILLE** to be affixed. Done at Pineville this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and six.



Mayor George C. Fowler



Mayor Pro-Tem Libby Boatwright



Deborah Fowler, Council

Kenny Mills, Council



Les Gladden, Council

