



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915-1923

WHEREAS: Over 1.5 million men, women and children of Armenian descent were the victims of the brutal genocide perpetrated by the Young Turk government of the Ottoman Empire from 1915- 1923; and

WHEREAS: Official recognition of this atrocity has yet to be granted by the current Turkish government, further extending the pain felt by the families and relatives of the deceased, including over 500 Armenian families in Georgia; and

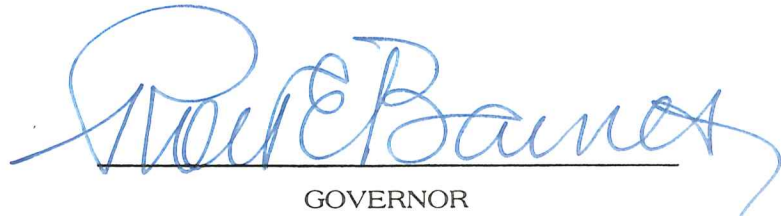
WHEREAS: Education, open discussion and constant vigilance against intolerance and hate is the best defense to prevent the repetition of genocidal horrors, such as the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923; and

WHEREAS: Armenian-Americans have contributed to the wonderful diversity of our state through their leadership in business, agriculture, academia, government and the arts; now

THEREFORE: I, Roy E. Barnes, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 24, 1999, as the DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915-1923 in Georgia, and do further request all citizens to pause in remembrance of those who have been victimized by repressive regimes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of April 1999.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF