

Proclamation by Governor Sargent

BOSTON, Mass., April 22—Governor Francis W. Sargent today proclaimed April 24 as "Armenian Martyrs' Day" and urged "all citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and to participate fittingly in its observance."

The Governor's **Proclamation** read:
"WHEREAS, Fifty-six years ago, on April 24, 1915, the Ottoman government ordered the massacre of the Armenian people resulting in the death of 1,500,000 Armenians and leaving another 500,000 destitute.

"WHEREAS, The Armenian Martyrdom marked the opening of many important contributions to the Allied World War I effort by the Armenian people winning the praise of President Woodrow Wilson who affectionately termed the Armenian nation 'The Little Ally of the United States'; and

"WHEREAS, The sacrifices of the Armenian people in the cause of freedom, justice and human rights serve to remind us that mankind is ready
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to perish in the interest of noble causes, and

"WHEREAS, On the occasion of Armenian Martyrs' Day it is significant to remember those men, women and children who were victims of violence, and to remember their memory, and to pay tribute to their sacrifice, and to vow that the tragedy of genocide will not occur again among mankind.

"Now, therefore, I, Francis W. Sargent, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim April 24 as ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY and urge all citizens to take cognizance of this event . . ."