

**PROCLAMATION  
FOR  
ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY  
APRIL 24th , 1996**

**WHEREAS**, between 1915-1923, the extermination of more than one and one-half million Armenians and the deportation of countless other Armenians took place by the Ottoman Turks; and

**WHEREAS**, during this atrocity, Armenians were forced to witness the slaughter of their relatives and the loss of their ancestral homeland; and

**WHEREAS**, Armenians assert that the government of modern day Turkey refuses to recognize the facts of the genocide; and

**WHEREAS**, the denial of the Armenian genocide by the present day Turkish government serves to taint history and disavows Armenians of the right to their homeland and heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Ancestral Armenian lands taken by the Ottoman Turks have not been returned to the Armenian people, nor have the Armenians received compensation for their losses; and

**WHEREAS**, Armenians have traditionally designated April 24th as **ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY**, in recognition and remembrance of those who died during the Armenian genocide; and

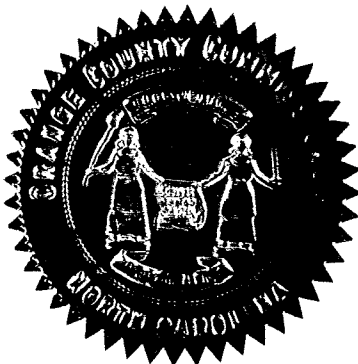
**WHEREAS**, the year 1996 marks the 81st Anniversary of the Tragedy of the Armenian genocide; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Orange County Board of Commissioners proclaims April 24, 1996 as

**ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY**

in Orange County, North Carolina this the 16th Day of April, 1996.



  
Moses Carey, Chair  
Board of Commissioners