

P R O C L A M A T I O N
RECOGNIZING THE 81st ANNIVERSARY OF
THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

WHEREAS, 1.5 million Armenians were massacred under the Ottoman Turkish Government between 1915 and 1923; and

WHEREAS, the Armenian Genocide was the first genocide of this century; and

WHEREAS, the lack of penitence and reproach for these crimes made it easier for other governments, including Nazi Germany's, to commit similar atrocities; and

WHEREAS, this is an issue of importance to all Wake County citizens who wish to put an end to the type of mass killings that have recently occurred in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda; and

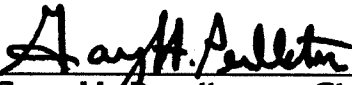
WHEREAS, the only way to put an end to genocidal acts is to make them unacceptable through public acknowledgment and rebuke; and

WHEREAS, the official, internationally recognized anniversary of the commencement of the Armenian Genocide atrocities is April 24th.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners do hereby formally acknowledge the 81st Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and express in the strongest of terms the belief that such atrocities as the Armenian Genocide should never be allowed to occur again.

This the 15th day of April, 1996.





Gary H. Pendleton, Chairman
Wake County Board of Commissioners