



**JEB BUSH**  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

## **Armenian Martyrs' Day**

**WHEREAS, the Ottoman Turks were responsible for a mass extermination of an estimated one and a half million Armenians that began April 24, 1915 and continued until 1923; and**

**WHEREAS, many Armenians were victims of genocide in the pursuit of religious freedom, justice and human rights; and**

**WHEREAS, recognition of this tragedy educates people about genocide and may prevent future occurrences of genocide; and**

**WHEREAS, in 1975, the United States House of Representatives approved House Joint Resolution 148, resolving to designate April 24<sup>th</sup> as "National Day of Remembrance of Man's Inhumanity"; and**

**WHEREAS, this resolution calls for "the people of the United States to observe such day as a day of remembrance for all the victims of genocide, especially those of Armenian ancestry"; and**

**WHEREAS, Armenians contribute richly to Florida's social mosaic and add to our political, educational and economic development;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeb Bush, Governor of the state of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 24, 2006 as Armenian Martyrs' Day.**



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the Great Seal of  
the state of Florida to be  
affixed at Tallahassee, the  
Capital, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April  
in the year two thousand six.**

  
GOVERNOR