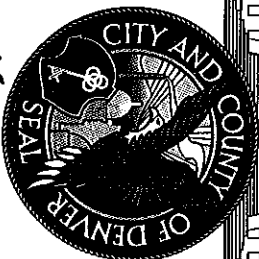
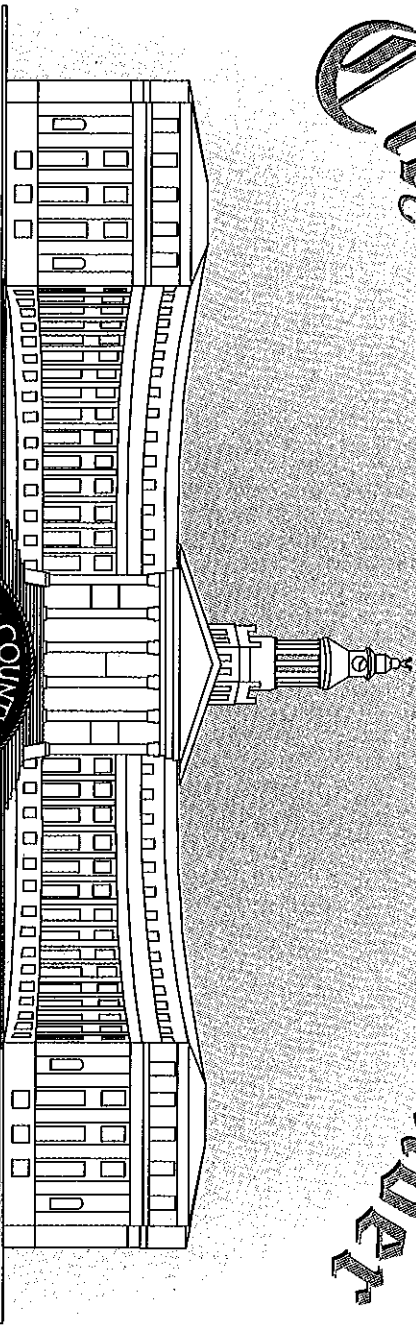


# City and County of Denver



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** *The indigenous Armenian people were subject to severe persecution and brutal injustice at the hands of their Ottoman oppressors during the "First Genocide of the Twentieth Century," or the "Forgotten Genocide;" and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Armenian Genocide began with the murder of hundreds of Armenian intellectuals and political, religious, and business leaders who were arrested and taken from their homes in Constantinople before dawn on April 24, 1915; and*

**WHEREAS,** *each year, Armenians throughout the world honor the 1.5 million who perished from 1915 to 1923, and all the world's people should commemorate the Armenian Genocide and condemn any attempt to deny its historical truth or mischaracterize the episode as anything less than genocide - the term coined by Raphael Lemkin in 1944 who referenced the Armenian extermination as a seminal example of genocide; and*

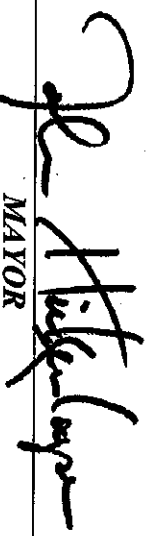
**WHEREAS,** *the City and County of Denver join the Armenian-American community in its annual observance of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 - 1923 by encouraging Denverites to visit the Armenian Genocide Memorial Plaque on the northeast grounds of the Colorado State Capitol in Denver, est. 1982, and in doing so raise awareness of this unconscionable tragedy so that we may better understand the importance of eliminating hatred in our own communities; and*

**WHEREAS,** *certified copies of this proclamation be transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, members of the Colorado Congressional delegation, the Senate and Assembly of the State of Colorado, The Armenian Assembly in Washington, D.C., The Armenian National Committee of America in Washington, D.C., and the Armenian and Turkish Embassies in Washington, D.C.; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN W. HICKENLOOPER, MAYOR** of the City and County of Denver, Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby officially proclaim April 24, 2010, to also be acknowledged as:

**"Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day"**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City and County of Denver to be affixed this twenty-fourth day of April 2010.

  
MAYOR

