



Proclamation

104th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE – DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

WHEREAS, on April 24, 1915, in an effort to annihilate the Armenian Nation, the Turkish Government perpetrated against Armenian people what is commonly referred to as the first genocide of the 20th century, which continued until 1923 and resulted in the death of 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children; and

WHEREAS, these crimes against humanity also had the consequence of permanently removing all traces of the Armenian people and other targeted people from their historic homelands, and enriching the perpetrators with the lands and other property of the victims of these crimes; and

WHEREAS, since memories do fade with time, it is appropriate to remind ourselves that human tragedies take place; and

WHEREAS, those who survived the Armenian genocide and their successors have had to work hard to make this atrocity known to the world, battling cover-ups, misinformation, and denial; and

WHEREAS, it is important to examine the past and heed history's lessons for the sake of future generations who inherit our civilization; and

WHEREAS, as a community, we proudly uphold human and civil rights, and reaffirm our commitment to ensure that similar crimes against humanity are prevented against any people in the future, and we encourage teachers to engage in discussions about the best practices for teaching the subject of genocide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Duarte hereby recognizes April 24, 2019, as the 104th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide by proclaiming April 24, 2019, as a DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE, and hereby commemorates the victims and survivors on this most solemn remembrance of the 104th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Marla Akana
Duarte, California

March 26, 2019

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

