

Proclamation



CITY OF ATLANTA

Office of the Mayor

Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day

Whereas, The City of Atlanta is proud to join the Armenian community as it honors the victims of the Armenian genocide; and

Whereas, Armenia is one of the world's oldest civilizations and was the first country to officially embrace Christianity as its religion; and

Whereas, Genocide, as defined in the United Nations' Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, is the destruction of "a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group"; and

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In the atrocity that has become known as the greatest unacknowledged genocide in recent history, 1.5 million Armenians were murdered or starved to death; and

Whereas,

The bitterness of genocide has not tarnished the pride of Armenians in their culture and traditions; and

Whereas,

We commend the Armenian community for remembering those who senselessly loss their lives through the evil of genocide:

Now, Therefore, I, Bill Campbell, Mayor of Atlanta, and on behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, hereby proclaim April 24, 2000 as "Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day" in our City.





Bill Campbell
Mayor