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City of Artesia

PROCLAMATION

Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day- April 24, 2022

WHEREAS, the Armenian people were subjected to severe persecution by the Ottoman Empire before and after the turn of the twentieth century, including widespread massacres, usurpation of land and property, and destruction of cultural institutions and monuments during the period from 1894 to 1896 and again in 1909; and

WHEREAS, the unspeakable horrors experienced by the Armenian people at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish government culminated in 1915 in what is known by historians as the first modern-era genocide of the twentieth century, resulting in the deaths of 1.5 million Armenian women, men and children, and the destruction or appropriation of all their personal and community properties; and

WHEREAS, in response to the genocide, the Near East Relief Organization was established, one of the earliest U. S. government-sanctioned international aid projects, to support the genocide survivors, including Armenians, Assyrians, and Greeks, raising approximately two billion dollars in today's currency and saving approximately one million refugees, including 132,000 orphans of the genocide; and

WHEREAS, as most Armenian-Americans are descendants of the few remaining survivors of the Genocide, the City of Artesia is proud to join the Armenian American community in its commemoration of the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide in an effort to educate others about the tragic loss of life, land, and human rights of the Armenian people and the crime of genocide committed against them; and

WHEREAS, The United States Senate passed Resolution No. 150 (Menendez) on December 12, 2019, which formally recognizes and affirms the historical facts of the Armenian Genocide on behalf of the U.S. government and calls for broader education on this heinous crime and its impact on generations of Armenians;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the City of Artesia City Council hereby proclaims April 24, 2022 as Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day in the City of Artesia.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 9th day of May, 2022.

Melissa Ramoso, Mayor
Monica Manalo, Mayor Pro Tem
Tony Lima, Councilmember
Ali Sajjad Taj, Councilmember
Rene Trevino, Councilmember

