

WHEREAS, Residents of Maryland are highly sensitive to the need for consistently remembering and openly condemning the crimes committed against any culture or people to prevent similar atrocities in the future; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of the ~~86th anniversary of this Armenian genocide~~ Genocide is crucial to ensuring against the repetition of future genocides and educating people about the atrocities connected to these horrific events; and

WHEREAS, Armenia is now a free and independent republic, having embraced democracy following nearly 70 years of oppressive Soviet domination; and

WHEREAS, Armenian-Americans living in Maryland have greatly enriched our State through their leadership in business, agriculture, academia, government, and the arts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly of Maryland designates April 24 as "Maryland Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide ~~of 1915-1923~~"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor in the Governor's annual message on or about April 24 commemorate the Armenian Genocide and commend this observance to all Maryland residents; and be it further

~~RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of Maryland encourages that Maryland public schools develop programs similar to those already established in California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York, that focus on human rights, with specific attention given to the Armenian Genocide; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; and be it further

~~RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Armenian National Committee of Maryland, 4906 Flint Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20816; and the Armenian Assembly of America, 122 C Street, NW, Suite 350, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Signed May 18, 2001.