



City of Cambridge

R-13.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 24, 2006

MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: Between 1915 and 1923, the Ottoman Turks carried out a genocide campaign that led to the extermination of 1,500,000 Armenians and the deportation of countless other Armenians; and
- WHEREAS: During the genocide, Armenians were forced to witness the rape, mutilation and slaughter of their families, the desecration of their churches, the looting of their personal property, the dispossession of their real property, and the loss of their ancestral homeland; and
- WHEREAS: The ancestral homeland of the Armenian people taken by the Ottoman Turks has not been returned to the Armenian people, nor have Armenians received compensation for their losses; and
- WHEREAS: The denial of the genocide by modern Turkey dishonors the memory of the forefathers of all living Armenians; and
- WHEREAS: Armenians have traditionally designated April 24th as Armenian Martyrs' Day in recognition and remembrance of those who perished during the genocide; and
- WHEREAS: The year 2006 marks the 91st Anniversary of the genocide; and
- WHEREAS: It is of utmost importance to remember the past so that its atrocities are not repeated; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on recording declaring April 24, 2006 as Armenian Martyrs' Day in Cambridge and urge all people to remember the genocide of the Armenian people that was perpetrated by the Ottoman Turks; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

RESOLUTION #13

Declare April 24, 2006 as
Armenian Martyrs' Day in
Cambridge.

**Mayor Reeves and entire
membership**

**In City Council
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ORDER ADOPTED