

RESOLVED: That this City Council declares April 24, 2003 as

ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY

in the City of Cambridge and urges all people around the world to remember 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 Armenian National Committee of Eastern Massachusetts on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council April 28, 2003

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk



City of Cambridge

Resolution # 10
IN CITY COUNCIL
April 28, 2003

MAYOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR 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 forefather 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 2003 marks the 88th 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

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**Mayor Sullivan and entire
membership**

ORDER ADOPTED.

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