



City of Cambridge

R-116.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 23, 2007

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 carries out a genocide campaign that led to the extermination of 1,500,00 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 and 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 Martyr's Day in recognition and remembrance of those who perished during the genocide; and
- WHEREAS: The year 2007 marks the 92nd 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 the City Council go on record declaring April 24, 2007 as Armenian Martyr's 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 nine members.
 Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

RESOLUTION #116

**Declare April 24, 2007 as
Armenian Martyr's Day in
Cambridge
Mayor Reeves and entire
membership**

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ORDER ADOPTED