

CITY OF IRVINE

Proclamation

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY

APRIL 24, 2022

WHEREAS, the Armenian Genocide was conceived and carried out from 1915 to 1923, resulting in the deaths of one and a half million Christians, Assyrians, Greeks, and Armenian men, women, and children who were murdered or marched to their deaths; and

WHEREAS, these crimes against humanity also had the consequence of deportation of nearly 2,000,000 Armenians, removing all traces of the Armenians and other targeted people from their historic homelands, and enriching the opposing side with the lands and property of the victims; and

WHEREAS, the United States has officially recognized the Armenian Genocide, beginning with President Harry S. Truman's administration submitting a written statement to the International Court of Justice regarding the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide on May 28, 1951, through President Ronald W. Reagan's Proclamation on April 22, 1981, and President Joseph R. Biden's Proclamation on April 24, 2021, along with United States House of Representatives Resolutions in 1975, 1984, and 2019, United States Senate Resolution in 2019, California State Senate and Assembly Resolutions and Governor Proclamations, and Orange County Board of Supervisors Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Irvine and Armenians throughout the world are commemorating and recognizing the anniversary of the 1915 Armenian Genocide.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Irvine **DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 24, 2022, and every subsequent April 24th as "ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY"** and **CALLS UPON** all people of good will to reject efforts to enlist, engage, or associate with those who continue to deny the Armenian Genocide and the monstrous crimes against humanity that have long been matters of established historical fact.



FARRAH N. KHAN
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE
APRIL 12, 2022

