

His Eminence

State of New Mexico
Executive Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico



Proclamation

WHEREAS, SIXTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO, ONE AND A HALF MILLION ARMENIANS WERE MASSACRED AND MILLIONS MORE FLED IN TERROR FROM THEIR ANCIENT HOMELAND; AND

WHEREAS, THE WORLD WAS SHOCKED, FOR THE MURDER AND EXILE OF THE ARMENIANS WAS SEEN AS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO EXTERMINATE AN ENTIRE NATION; AND

WHEREAS, ON APRIL 24, ARMENIANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD COMMEMORATE "MARTYRS' DAY" AS A REMINDER OF THE DAY IN 1915 WHEN THE OTTOMAN TURKS ARRESTED AND KILLED 250 ARMENIAN COMMUNITY LEADERS AND INTELLECTUALS--AN ACT WHICH SIGNALLED THE TERRIBLE EVENTS THAT FOLLOWED; AND

WHEREAS, ALL NEW MEXICANS SHOULD JOIN OUR FELLOW CITIZENS OF ARMENIAN HERITAGE IN HONORING THE MEMORY OF THOSE MARYTRS IN THE HOPE THAT THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD CAN BRING A HALT TO SENSELESS SLAUGHTER, AND END TO ALL HUMAN RIGHTS; AND

WHEREAS, LET US ALSO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE SURVIVORS OF THE ARMENIAN TRAGEDY, ESPECIALLY TO THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS WHO HAVE MADE THIS NATION THEIR HOME AND HAVE BECOME HARD-WORKING, LOYAL CITIZENS; AND

WHEREAS, IN OBSERVING APRIL 24, AS A REMINDER OF MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN, ARMENIANS ALSO REGARD IT AS A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND REDEDICATION, AND FOR SUBDUED CELEBRATIONS OF THEIR SURVIVAL;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRUCE KING, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 24, 1982, AS:

"ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY"

ATTEST:

Shirley Hooper
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 1982.
WITNESS BY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

Bruce King
BRUCE KING
GOVERNOR

