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HAVERHILL, MASSACHUSETTS

GEORGE KAY KATSAROS
Mayor

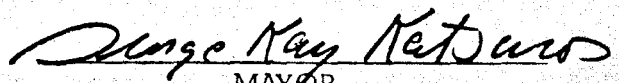
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: April 24, 1915 commemorates the forceful deportations of nearly two million Armenians and the deliberate and planned genocide of the Armenians by the Turks, and
- WHEREAS: more than one and a half million Armenians were so massacred and murdered by the Turkish government plan and decree, and
- WHEREAS: this martyrdom, brought about by the Armenian adherence to Christianity and their general cultural and educational advancement and accomplishment made the Armenians to become the first nation in the 20th century to be the victims of genocide, and
- WHEREAS, American citizens of Armenian descent join other Armenians scattered throughout the world in observing and commemorating the 58th anniversary of those massacres paying tribute to the memory of those who gave their lives in the cause of religious and political freedom, and
- WHEREAS: we as Americans have always cherished the rights of human beings to be free and have the blessings of liberty guaranteed to us under our Bill of Rights and the Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Kay Katsaros, Mayor of the City of Haverhill, do hereby proclaim the period of April 22 to 28, 1973, as

ARMENIAN MARTYRS' WEEK

in Haverhill and commemorate the 58th anniversary of the Armenian massacres by the Turks and ask all of our citizens to join with me in prayer, giving moral support to the just cause of the Armenian people.


MAYOR

CITY OF A MILLION OPPORTUNITIES