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According to the 2011 American Community Survey, an estimated 214,618 Armenians live within the Los Angeles County region. This makes Los Angeles County home to the greatest number of Armenians outside of Armenia itself. The magnitude of their impact on our region is significant, including enriching our lives with their culture, food, and entertainment. They have also made significant contributions in academia and the arts. The community bustles with Armenian media and publishers, some 20 schools and 40 churches, one college, and all sorts of ethnic specialty shops and businesses throughout the County. In addition, this year we mark the 30th Anniversary of Artsakh Liberation Movement.

Despite the attempt to eradicate them as a people, the Armenians have survived, thrived, and continued to enrich the lives of those around them. They are tenacious, hard-working and resilient. While we commemorate the Armenian Genocide annually, we shall also celebrate the survival of this vibrant community. It is with great honor that we declare the month of April as Armenian History Month and have the unique opportunity to recognize and celebrate their contributions and accomplishments.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of April as Armenian History Month.

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