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Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day

Home to over 350,000 Armenian-Americans -- the largest population within any county in the nation -- Los Angeles County has been greatly enriched by the vast contributions of Armenian-Americans in economics and business, in culture, in academia, in government, and in the arts.

Over a century ago, from 1915 through 1923, authorities of the Ottoman Empire arrested, deported, and eventually murdered over 1.5 million Armenian citizens. This systemic extermination is, historically, one of the gravest atrocities committed against a targeted people. The Armenian Genocide led to the development of the legal definition of what constitutes genocide.

To this day, the Turkish government denies that genocide is the appropriate term to define the atrocities beginning in 1915. However, the International Association of Genocide Scholars, a non-partisan organization comprised of the world's foremost experts on genocide, passed a 1997 resolution affirming the factuality of the Genocide.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors recognize April 24, 2019 as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day in Los Angeles County.

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