



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 22, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Recognizing the existence of inhumanity and cruelty is crucial to ensuring against the repetition of genocide, the first of the 20th Century being the Armenian Genocide in which the Turkish Ottoman Empire murdered 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children. Despite overwhelming evidence, the Turkish government denies the occurrence of an Armenian Genocide.

“By consistently remembering and forcefully condemning the atrocities committed against the Armenians and honoring the survivors, as well as other victims of similar heinous conduct, we guard against repetition of those acts of genocide.

“The County of Los Angeles is home to 350,000 Armenian-Americans, the largest population of any county in the United States, which has greatly enriched the County through, among other aspects, business, academia, government and the arts.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board declared April 24, 2003 as "Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923" throughout Los Angeles County.

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