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**PROCLAIMING APRIL AS ARMENIAN HISTORY MONTH**

Los Angeles County is home to the largest Armenian diaspora outside of Armenia. April holds deep historical significance for Armenians, marking the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, a tragedy that resulted in the loss of 1.5 million Armenian lives at the hands of the Ottoman Empire in 1915. Each year, on April 24, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) commemorates this atrocity as a solemn reminder of the importance of genocide prevention and the promotion of human rights. Since 2017, this Board has also declared April as Armenian History Month, acknowledging the enduring legacy and remarkable contributions of this resilient community.

The Board has consistently condemned Azerbaijan’s attacks against the Nagorno-Karabakh region, also known as Artsakh. In 2020, Azerbaijan launched a military assault on Artsakh, followed by a ten-month-long blockade of the Lachin Corridor, cutting off over 120,000 Armenians from food, medicine, and essential supplies. In September 2023, over 100,000 Armenians were forcibly displaced from their ancestral homes, and many political leaders and civilians were taken hostage. This Board has repeatedly called on the Federal Government to impose sanctions against Azerbaijan for its continued human rights violations and to demand the immediate release of Armenian hostages held captive by the Azerbaijani government.

The Armenian people have demonstrated unparalleled resilience in the face of adversity, surviving attempts at eradication and ongoing displacement throughout history. Their ability to persevere is a testament to their strength, unity, and enduring contributions to society. As we observe Armenian History Month in April 2025, we honor their rich cultural heritage, their invaluable impact, and their continued struggles for justice. It is with great respect that this Board reaffirms its commitment to recognizing the resilience, achievements, and ongoing challenges of the Armenian people.

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

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