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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.

Despite the attempt to eradicate them as a people, the Armenians have survived, thrived, and continued to enrich the lives of those around them. Since 2017, this Board has also declared April as Armenian History Month to acknowledge the enduring legacy and remarkable contributions of this resilient community. They are tenacious, hard-working and resilient. We also celebrate the survival and tenacity of this vibrant community by recognizing their contributions and impact to the County and the region be it in medicine, academia, business, the arts and more. Their ability to persevere is a testament to their faith, strength, and unity. As we observe Armenian History Month in April 2026, we honor their rich cultural heritage and invaluable impact on society.

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

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