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**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN**

**Proclaiming Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day**

On April 17, 1975, the Khmer Rouge took over Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, marking the beginning of the Cambodian genocide. Between 1975 and 1979, Pol Pot's communist regime and the Khmer Rouge committed horrific crimes against the Cambodian people, killing over 1.7 million Cambodians. The Cambodian Genocide is recognized as one of the deadliest atrocities of the 20th century.

April 17, 2024, marks 49 years of this tragic event in human history. Thousands of refugees and survivors of the genocide found homes all over the world in hopes of rebuilding what had been lost. Today, California is home to the largest population of Cambodian Americans, and the City of Long Beach is home to the largest community of Cambodians outside of Southeast Asia. This day provides an opportunity to reflect and pay respect for the victims who lost their lives to the genocidal regime.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors proclaim April 17, 2024 as Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day in Los Angeles County, in honor of those killed in the genocide, the survivors and their descendants for their courage and contributions to the County of Los Angeles.

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