

1 [Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day]

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3 **Resolution declaring April 24, 2004 Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day in San**  
4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Armenian people were subjected to severe persecution and brutal  
7 injustice by the rulers of the Ottoman Empire before and after the turn of the twentieth  
8 century, including widespread massacres, usurpation of land and property, and acts of  
9 wanton destruction during the period from 1894 to 1896, and again in 1909; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1915 the Ottoman Turkish Government initiated a Genocidal campaign  
11 against Armenians; and

12 WHEREAS, The Armenian Genocide began with the arrest, exile, and murder of  
13 hundreds of Armenian intellectuals, and political, religious, and business leaders, starting on  
14 April 24, 1915; and

15 WHEREAS, 1.5 million Armenians were massacred; and

16 WHEREAS, to this day, the Republic of Turkey has denied the occurrence of crimes  
17 against humanity, and those denials compound the grief of the few remaining survivors of the  
18 atrocities; and

19 WHEREAS, California has become home to the largest population of Armenians in  
20 the United States, and those citizens have enriched our state through leadership in the fields  
21 of academia, medicine, business, agriculture, government, and the arts and are proud and  
22 patriotic practitioners of American citizenship; and

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco is proud to join its Armenian-American community in its  
24 commemoration of the ~~88th~~ 89th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, the first Genocide of  
25 the 20th Century;

1           WHEREAS; By joining our voices against the deniers, we are able to guard against the  
2 occurrence of such genocide in the future; therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby declare April  
4 24, 2004 Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day in San Francisco, and, be it

5           FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco board of Supervisors will send a letter  
6 urging President George W. Bush to give just recognition to the Armenian Genocide.

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