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RESOLUTION NO.

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 anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, the first Genocide of the

25 20th Century;

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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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