

1 [Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day - April 24, 2022]

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3 **Resolution designating April 24, 2022, as “Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day”**  
4 **in the City and County of San Francisco, marking the 107th anniversary of the**  
5 **Armenian Genocide and the 25th anniversary of the preservation of the Mt. Davidson**  
6 **Cross by the Council of Armenian American Organizations of Northern California; and**  
7 **urging members of Congress to support the bipartisan Armenian Genocide Education**  
8 **Act.**

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10 WHEREAS, The Armenian people, living in their historic homeland for thousands of  
11 years, were subjected to severe persecution by the Turkish government of the Ottoman  
12 Empire before and after the turn of the twentieth century, including widespread massacres,  
13 usurpation of land and property, and destruction of cultural institutions and monuments during  
14 the period from 1894 to 1896 and again in 1909; and

15 WHEREAS, The unspeakable horrors experienced by the Armenian people at the  
16 hands of the Ottoman Turkish government culminated in 1915 in what is known by historians  
17 as the first modern-era genocide; and

18 WHEREAS, The Ottoman Turkish authorities planned and implemented the genocide  
19 committed against the Armenian people from 1915 through 1923, resulting in the murder of  
20 1.5 million Armenian women, men and children, and the expropriation or destruction of all  
21 their personal and community properties; and

22 WHEREAS, The U.S. House of Representatives adopted House Resolution No. 296  
23 (Schiff) on October 29, 2019, which states it is U.S. policy to commemorate the Armenian  
24 Genocide and the US Senate passed Senate Resolution No. 150 (Menendez) on December  
25 12, 2019, which formally recognizes and affirms the historical facts of the Armenian Genocide

1 on behalf of the U.S. government and calls for broader education on this heinous crime and its  
2 impact on generations of Armenians; and

3 WHEREAS, On April 24, 2021, President Joseph Biden became the first U.S. President  
4 to formally recognize the massacres of Armenians as Genocide; and

5 WHEREAS, California has become home to the largest and most active population of  
6 Armenians in the United States, who have enriched our state through leadership in the fields  
7 of academia, medicine, business, agriculture, government, and the arts and are proud and  
8 patriotic practitioners of American citizenship, including author William Saroyan, America's  
9 favorite chef and philanthropist George Mardikian, and Bay Area Congressional  
10 Representatives Jackie Speier and Anna Eshoo; and

11 WHEREAS, The Armenian Genocide Education Act was introduced in Congress calling  
12 for \$10 million to fund Armenian Genocide Education across the United States; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby designates April 24, 2022, as  
15 "Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day" in the City and County of San Francisco, marking  
16 the 107th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and the 25th anniversary of the preservation  
17 of the Mt. Davidson Cross by the Council of Armenian American Organizations of Northern  
18 California; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges members of Congress to  
20 support the bipartisan Armenian Genocide Education Act; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
22 to transmit copies of this Resolution to the San Francisco Board of Education and the City  
23 Lobbyist, respectively, upon final passage.

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