

City of Charlotte, North Carolina Proclamation

WHEREAS, between 1915 – 1923 the deaths of more than one and one-half million Christian Armenians and the deportation of countless other Armenians took place by the Ottoman Empire; and

WHEREAS, during this atrocity, Armenians witnessed the loss of their relatives and their ancestral homeland; and

WHEREAS, ancestral lands taken by the Ottoman Turks have not been returned to the Armenian people, and the struggle for cultural heritage continues; and

WHEREAS, Armenians have traditionally designated April 24th as Armenian Martyrs Day, in recognition and remembrance of those who died; and

WHEREAS, the year 2006 marks the 91st Anniversary of this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, it is important to remember history so that mistakes of the past are not repeated in future generations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patrick McCrory, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2006 as

“ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY”

in Charlotte, and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS MY HAND and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.



Pat McCrory
Patrick McCrory
Mayor

Mecklenburg County

North Carolina

Proclamation

WHEREAS, 1.5 million Armenian lives were taken in the massacre of the Ottoman Turkish Government between 1915 and 1923; and

WHEREAS, the Armenian Genocide was the first genocide of this century; and

WHEREAS, the lack of penitence and reproach for these murderous crimes has made it easier for other governments around the world to commit similar crimes; and

WHEREAS, civilization's failure to uphold each human life as sacred and precious deadens consciences and makes acceptable what is in fact, reprehensible, thereby removing the barrier that should prevent a society from perpetrating the evils of genocide; and

WHEREAS, as a community, we must stand against the individual and mass taking of human life; and

WHEREAS, the official, internationally recognized anniversary of the commencement of the Armenian Genocide atrocities is April 24, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby formally acknowledge the 91st Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and expresses in the strongest terms possible, the conviction that such an evil as the Armenian Genocide should never be tolerated again, and hereby urges each member of our community to speak out against the blatant disregard for the value of human life occurring throughout the world even today.

This the 14th day of April 2006.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Parks Helms", is written over a horizontal line.

H. Parks Helms, Chairman
Mecklenburg County
Board of Commissioners



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PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, ancestral lands taken by the Ottoman Turks have not been returned to the Armenian people, and the struggle for cultural heritage continues; and

WHEREAS, Armenians have traditionally designated April 24th as Armenian Martyrs Day, in recognition and remembrance of those who died; and

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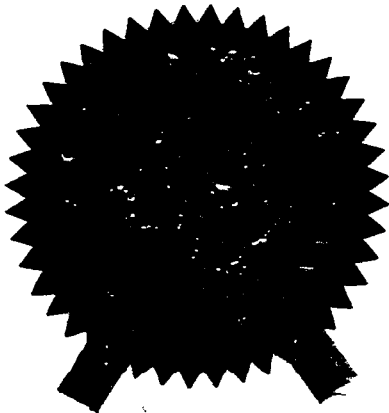
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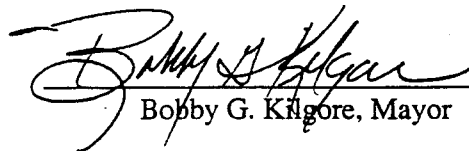
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bobby G. Kilgore, Mayor of the City of Monroe, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2006 as

“ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY”

in Monroe, North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS my hand and the official Seal of the City of Monroe.




Bobby G. Kilgore, Mayor

*A PROCLAMATION
BY THE
MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
PINEVILLE, N.C.*

WHEREAS, between 1915 – 1923 the deaths of more than one and one-half million Christian Armenians and the deportation of countless other Armenians took place by the Ottoman Empire, and;

WHEREAS, during this atrocity, Armenians witnessed the loss of their relatives and their ancestral homeland, and;

WHEREAS, ancestral lands taken by the Ottoman Turks have not been returned to the Armenian people, and the struggle for cultural heritage continues, and;

WHEREAS, Armenians have traditionally designated April 24th as Armenian Martyrs Day, in recognition and remembrance of those who died, and;

WHEREAS, the year 2006 marks the 91st Anniversary of this tragedy, and;

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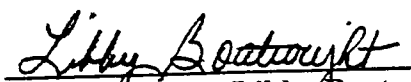
WE THEREFORE DO NOW PROCLAIM, April 24th, 2006 as

ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the **GREAT SEAL OF PINEVILLE** to be affixed. Done at Pineville this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and six.



Mayor George C. Fowler



Mayor Pro-Tem Libby Boatwright



Deborah Fowler, Council

Kenny Mills, Council



Les Gladden, Council



Town of Matthews, North Carolina

Office of the Mayor



WHEREAS, between 1915 - 1923 the deaths of more than one and one-half million Christian Armenians and the deportation of countless other Armenians took place by the Ottoman Empire; and

WHEREAS, during this atrocity, Armenians were forced to witness the slaughter to their relatives and the loss of their ancestral homeland; and

WHEREAS, ancestral lands taken by the Ottoman Turks have not been returned to the Armenian people, nor have the Armenians received compensation for their losses; and

WHEREAS, Armenians have traditionally designated April 24th as Armenian Martyrs Day, in recognition and remembrance of those who died; and

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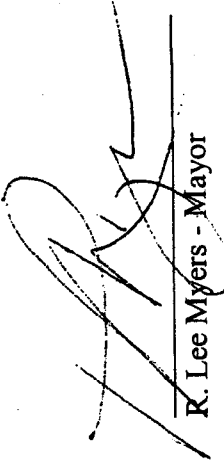
WHEREAS, it is important to remember history so that mistakes of the past are not repeated in future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R. Lee Myers, Mayor of the Town of Matthews, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2006 as

ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY

in Matthews, and encourage all citizens to honor this observance.

WITNESS MY HAND and the official seal of the Town of Matthews.



R. Lee Myers - Mayor