



*Official
Proclamation*

Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day

Whereas: WHEREAS ON APRIL 24, 1915 A MASS GENOCIDE OF THE ARMENIAN POPULATION BEGAN IN THE OTTOMAN TURKISH EMPIRE, THE FIRST GENOCIDE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY; AND

Whereas: WHEREAS ARMENIAN FAMILIES WERE UPROOTED FROM THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMELAND AND BRUTALLY EXPOSED TO VARIED INDIGNITIES, RESULTING IN MORE THAN HALF OF THE ARMENIAN POPULATION KILLED; AND

Whereas: WHEREAS WE CONSIDER THESE ATROCITIES AGAINST THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE TO BE REPULSIVE AND ABHORRENT IN CIVILIZED SOCIETY; AND

Whereas: THE GENOCIDE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY FORTY-EIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES AND NEARLY THIRTY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING: CANADA, FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, GERMANY, THE VATICAN, AND ARGENTINA; AND

Whereas: WHEREAS AMERICANS OF ARMENIAN DESCENT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SWAMPSCOTT, THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS IN THE BEST TRADITIONS OF OUR NATION AND STATE, IN TIMES OF WAR AND PEACE; AND

Whereas: WHEREAS THE ARMENIAN CITIZENS AROUND THE WORLD AND OF THE COMMONWEALTH ARE DEDICATED TO HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO DIED; AND

Whereas: WHEREAS OUR THOUGHTS, OFFERED IN MEMORY OF THE ARMENIAN MARTYRS OF 1915, WILL SERVE TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT PERSECUTION, TORTURE, AND KILLING MUST CEASE FOREVER, AND

Now, Therefore, WE, THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT, DO RECOGNIZE, REMEMBER, AND PLEDGE OUR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATE THOSE ABOUT THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE, THE HOLOCAUST, AND ALL CASES OF PAST AND ONGOING GENOCIDE WE HELP PROTECT HISTORIC MEMORY, ENSURE THAT SIMILAR ATROCITIES DO NOT OCCUR AGAIN, AND REMAIN VIGILANT AGAINST HATRED, PERSECUTION, AND TYRANNY; AND

In Witness Whereof, WE HAVE HERE UNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS, THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY, 2021.

