

**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 the previous 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 together against the individual and mass taking of human life; **now, therefore, be it**

**RESOLVED**, that the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim April 24, 2012 as

**“ARMENIAN MARTYR’S DAY”**

in Mecklenburg County and do hereby formally acknowledge the 97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and express the conviction that such an evil as the Armenian Genocide should never be tolerated again.

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Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners