

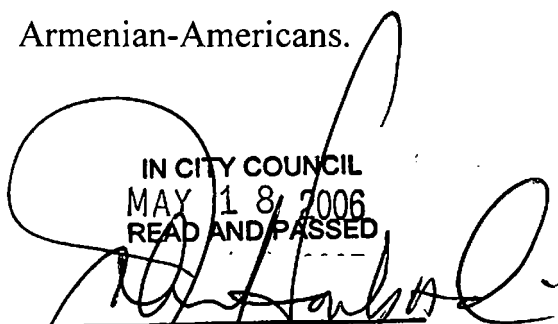

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

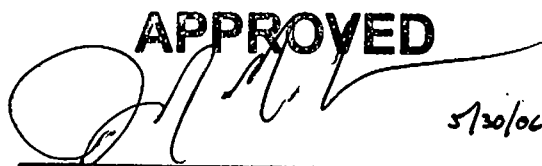
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 230

Approved May 30, 2006

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council
hereby Support ~~House~~ Resolution 2005-H 6320, Proclaiming April 24, 2006 as
"Rhode Island Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide" in
commemoration of the Armenian Genocide from 1915 to 1923 and honoring
Armenian-Americans.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 18, 2006
READ AND PASSED

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STATE LEGISLATION
John M. [Signature] CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON
STATE LEGISLATION
Recommends Approval
Claire E. [Signature]
May 2 2006 CLERK

Council President Lombardi, By Request

**Armenian National Committee of RI
7 Armenia Street
Providence, RI 02909**

March 22, 2006

Dear City/Town Clerk,

For the past six years the City/Town of Providence has participated in our program to have the Armenian flag raised in memory of the Ottoman Turkish government's attempt to eliminate the Armenians from the earth through planned Genocide during World War 1.

It is widely known and accepted by scholars, historians and most of the civilized world as the first Genocide of the 20th Century, a precursor to the Holocaust. Enclosed is a copy of last year's State House of Representatives Resolution recognizing the day as well as a copy of a law in our state allowing for the teaching of this and other cases of Man's Inhumanity to Man over the past two centuries?


Armenians here in Rhode Island and all over the world contribute to their cultural, educational, political and religious communities. There are about 12,000 Armenians in the State of Rhode Island and everyone of them would be pleased and honored if you would continue to fly our flag in memory of the 1,500,000 Armenian men, women and children who lost their lives during that period. If you need the flag replaced or it is missing, please let me know.

The date we are requesting is Monday, April 24th.

The flag is to be flown with the red on top.

Thank you,

Stephen Elmasian
Armenian National Committee Chairman
401-351-2991



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Enacted 03/31/05

HOUSE RESOLUTION
PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2005 AS "RHODE ISLAND DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE
ARMENIAN GENOCIDE" IN COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE
FROM 1915 TO 1923 AND HONORING ARMENIAN-AMERICANS

Introduced By: Representatives Fox, Watson, Corvese, Giannini, and Ajello

Date Introduced: March 31, 2005

WHEREAS, One and one half million men, women, and children of Armenian descent were victims of the genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire in 1915 and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, The United States Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, Henry Morgenthau, Sr., stated, "Whatever crimes the most perverted instincts of the human mind can devise, and whatever refinements of persecutions and injustice the most debased imagination can conceive, became the daily misfortunes of these devoted people." The killing of the Armenian people was accomplished by the systematic destruction of churches, schools, libraries, treasures of art, and cultural monuments in an attempt to eliminate all traces of a noble civilization with a history of more than three thousand years; and

WHEREAS, Contemporary newspapers, such as the New York Times, carried headlines including "Tales of Armenian Horrors Confirmed" and "Million Armenians Killed or in Exile"; and

WHEREAS, The Armenian genocide has been acknowledged by countries and international bodies such as Argentina, Belgium, Canada, the Council of Europe, Cyprus, the European Parliament, France, Great Britain, Greece, Lebanon, Russia, the United Nations, and Uruguay; and

WHEREAS, Each year Armenians throughout the world honor those who perished from 1915 to 1923, and all the world's people should commemorate the Armenian genocide because it stands as an ugly testament to man's inhumanity to man; and

WHEREAS, We must all do our best to raise awareness about the Armenian genocide not

only because it is an undeniable chapter of world history, but also because learning more about this unconscionable tragedy will help better understand the necessity of eliminating hatred from our own communities; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Rhode Island are highly sensitive to the need for consistently remembering and openly condemning the crimes committed against any culture or people in order to prevent similar atrocities in the future; and

WHEREAS, Armenian-Americans living in Rhode Island have greatly enriched our state through their leadership in business, agriculture, academia, government, and the arts; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby proclaims April 24, 2005 as "Rhode Island Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this House respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to likewise commemorate the Armenian genocide; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation, the Honorable Donald Carcieri, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Armenian Assembly of America in Washington, and the Armenian National Committee in Washington.

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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2000

A N A C T

RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Introduced By: Representative Garabedian**Date Introduced:** February 3, 2000**Referred To:** Committee on Health, Education and Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 16-22 of the General Laws entitled "Curriculum" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

16-22-22. Genocide and Human Rights Education. -- The department of elementary and secondary education shall, pursuant to rules promulgated by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, develop curricular material on genocide and human rights issues and guidelines for the teaching of such material. Said material and guidelines shall include but not be limited to: the period of the transatlantic slave trades and the middle passage; the great hunger period in Ireland; the Armenian Genocide; the Holocaust; and the Mussolini Fascist Regime and other recognized human rights violations. In formulating this program the department shall consult with practicing teachers, principals, superintendents and experts knowledgeable in Genocide and human rights issues.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION



Armenian National Committee
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7 Armenia Street
Providence, RI 02909

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