

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 202*

*Approved March 25, 2011*

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

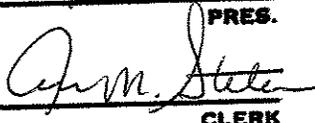
WHEREAS, Armenian-Americans living in Rhode Island have greatly enriched our state through their leadership in business, agriculture, academia, government, and the arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Proclaim April 24, 2011 as "Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day", to commemorate the Armenian Genocide of 1915 to 1923 and in honor of Armenian-Americans.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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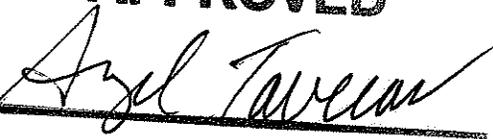
  
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**MAYOR**

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2010 AS "ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY" TO  
COMMEMORATE THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923 AND TO HONOR  
ARMENIAN-AMERICANS

Introduced By: Representatives Corvese, Kilmartin, Schadone, Kennedy, and Palumbo

Date Introduced: April 13, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

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2 victims of the genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire in 1915, and thereafter; and

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4 from our own communities; and

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

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

11          RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
12 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes April 24, 2010, as "Armenian Genocide Remembrance  
13 Day" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

14          RESOLVED, That this House respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to  
15 likewise commemorate the Armenian genocide and acknowledge that genocide is relevant to and  
16 affects all nations; and be it further

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

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2000

AN ACT

**2000-H 7397**

RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM

2000-H 7397

Introduced By: Rep. Aram G. Garabedian

Date Introduced: February 3, 2000

Referred To: Committee on Health-Education and Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 16-22-22. Genocide and Human Rights Education. - The department of elementary  
4 and secondary education shall, pursuant to rules promulgated by the commissioner of elementary  
5 and secondary education, develop curricular material on genocide and human rights issues and  
6 guidelines for the teaching of such material. Said material and guidelines shall include but not be  
7 limited to: the period of the transatlantic slave trades and the middle passage; the great hunger  
8 period in Ireland; the Armenian Genocide; the Holocaust; and the Mussolini Fascist Regime and  
9 other recognized human rights violations. In formulating this program the department shall  
10 consult with practicing teachers, principals, superintendents and experts knowledgeable in  
11 Genocide and human rights issues.



12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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OF  
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM

1 This act would require the department of elementary and secondary education to develop  
2 curricular material on genocide and human rights violations and issues, including, the  
3 transatlantic slave trade, the great hunger in Ireland, the Armenian Genocide, The Holocaust and  
4 Mussolini's Fascist Regime.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.