

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING

April 24, 2023 as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is home to a significant Armenian American population with leaders in every aspect of civic life including business, government and community service organizations, being a part of the fabric of San Mateo County life; and

WHEREAS, the Armenian people were subjected to severe persecution and brutal injustice by the government of the Ottoman Empire before and after the turn of the twentieth century, and the horrific experience of the Armenians at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish government culminated in 1915 in what is known by historians as the first modern-era genocide; and

WHEREAS, the American people contributed substantially to the survival of those who escaped the Armenian Genocide, through the humanitarian efforts of the Near East Relief Foundation established by U.S. Ambassador Henry Morgenthau, which raised approximately 2 billion dollars, in today's currency, to save approximately one million Armenian, Greek, and Assyrian refugees, including 132,000 orphans of the genocide; and

WHEREAS, the Armenian Genocide is of such historical significance that the California Department of Education includes the subject in its social studies education standards and provides curriculum and professional development training on this critical component of World History and genocide studies; and

WHEREAS, the United States has recognized and condemned the Armenian Genocide, as exhibited by the passage of a resolution affirming the United States record on the Armenian Genocide (H.Res. 296) and a resolution expressing the sense of the senate that it's the policy of the United States to commemorate the Armenian Genocide through official recognition and remembrance (S.Res.150);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates April 24th, 2023, as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day and is proud to join the Armenian-American community to educate others about the extensive, damaging legacy of genocide and its denial.

Dated:

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, PRESIDENT

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors