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MARCH FORGEE, Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

By Margaret L. Montgomery
Deputy

History is our interpretation of past events. One of the darkest periods in world history took place in 1915 with the massacre of one and one-half million Armenians. It has been said that when Hitler was about to embark on his effort to eliminate the Jewish race he pointed to the Armenian experience, and the lack of outrage about this tragedy, as precedent for his actions. This is history that cannot be accepted or allowed to be repeated.

Last year the State Assembly resolved that one day be set aside in remembrance of the human tragedy suffered by the Armenian people. It is appropriate, therefore, to observe April 23, 1982 as a State Day of Remembrance of the victims of past atrocities and to rededicate ourselves through education and vigilance to resist violence and tyranny in any form.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 22nd day of April 1982

Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California

ATTEST: March Forgue
Secretary of State

by Margaret L. Montgomery
Deputy Secretary of State