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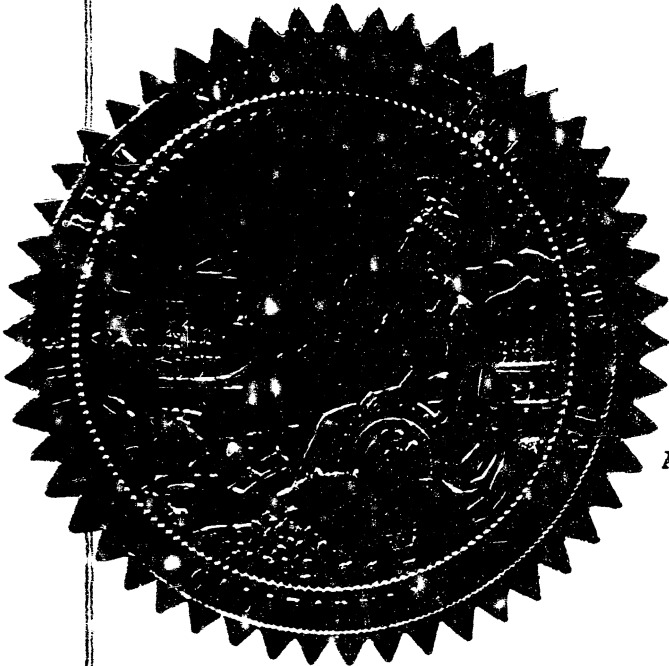
By *Phan Dudaok*
Deputy

PROCLAMATION

It is most appropriate that we set aside a time to reflect on the genocide of Armenians in Turkey during the early part of this century. The tragic cruelty inflicted upon more than one and one half million Armenians between 1915 and 1918 marks one of the darkest periods in the history of the world. In calling attention to the events of that time, we can learn much about the language of tyranny, bigotry and ignorance. Hopefully, we can come to understand the factors that could bring about such human suffering, and we can reaffirm our commitment to guarding against them.

I, therefore, proclaim in the State of California, April 24, 1980 as State Day of Remembrance and encourage citizens to pay tribute to those who perished in this period of oppression and reaffirm our commitment to the principles of human equality and justice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th day of April, 1980.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

March Fong Eu
Secretary of State

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