

# **THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

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I dedicate this book in memory of  
1.5 million, innocent Armenian victims  
massacred by Ottoman Turkey in  
**1915**

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## **FORWARD**

***The massacre of Armenians in 1915 by the Ottoman Turkish government is an undeniable fact. Historians, prominent government officials, the press and people of goodwill have recorded the terrible events as they occurred. These records represent a day by day account of life and death of 1.5 million victims of the first genocide of the 20th century. Despite Turkey's desperate efforts of historical distortion and revisionism, the genocide cannot be undone, nor its shame ignored or denied. No amount of conniving, falsification of documents, destroying of records, cover-up, or even bribery and blackmail, can absolve Turkey of her terrible guilt.***

***The Turkish government devised a diabolic plan "to solve the Armenian question" once and for all by mass murder. In 1915, the plan was put into execution and over a million Armenians perished. Armenians lost their homeland in what today is called the eastern provinces of Turkey. The scant remnants of survivors scattered around the four corners of the globe.***

***The object of this publication is to present,***

**once again, authentic documentation of the genocide, not from Armenian sources, but by world-wide witnesses. Primarily, it is a protest against atrocities committed against a member of the human family that had trusted its fate to the government of Turkey. But above all, it is an endeavor to bring a proper perspective to history. It is an endeavor to put the powers to be on notice that appeasing the usurpers encourages further atrocities against those who, more than the predator, need the protection of great powers. Because, there will be no peace in our world until those oppressed nations attain freedom and recover what historically belongs to them.**

**Turkey has mobilized its entire state machinery — educational, economic, political, diplomatic — toward an extensive campaign of denial. This cover up is tantamount to a second crime, a perpetual crime as ignominious as the genocide itself.**

**In short, it is the intent of this book to subpoena the Turkish government to the tribunal of public opinion and let the world condemn Turkey for its barbaric acts against the Armenian nation.**

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



A PROCLAMATION  
by the Governor of the State of California

WHEREAS, as Americans we can appreciate the many freedoms and opportunities we are fortunate to be blessed with; and

WHEREAS, many of our ancestors suffered through paralyzing trauma and devastating hardships so that we, their children, would have the opportunity to build a future of hope and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the Armenian people endured unparalleled tragedy as they struggled under the oppression of the Ottoman Turks in the early part of this century; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1.5 million Armenians were killed by the brutal, systematic massacres ordered by the Turkish government; and

WHEREAS, in spite of this horrible genocide, history repeated itself in the genocides of the Jewish people in Nazi Germany and most recently in Cambodia; and

WHEREAS, each year people of Armenian heritage solemnly observe April 24 as a Day of Remembrance to pay tribute to the strength and courage of their forebearers; and

WHEREAS, this observance is not only in memory of the past, but a reminder and admonishment that we must not allow history to repeat itself in this way again:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim April 24, 1985, as a State Day of Remembrance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused the Great Seal  
of the State of California to be affixed  
this 20th day of March 1985.

*George Deukmejian*

Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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