

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 26

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 14

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 26—Relative to Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 26, Kaloogian. Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day.

This measure would designate April 24, 1995, as "California Day of Remembrance of the Eightieth Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923".

WHEREAS, The Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923 was the first genocide of the twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, The atrocities committed by the Turkish Ottoman Empire resulted in the deaths of 1,500,000 men, women, and children of Armenian descent; and

WHEREAS, As the first victims of genocide in the twentieth century, Armenians throughout the world are keenly aware of, and highly sensitive to, the need for constant vigilance to prevent similar catastrophes in the future; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of the Eightieth Anniversary of this genocide is crucial to ensuring against the repetition of genocide and provides the American public with an understanding of America's heritage; and

WHEREAS, Numerous nations are signatories to the Genocide Convention, acknowledging the Armenian Massacres committed by the Turkish Ottoman Empire of 1915–1923; and

WHEREAS, California is home to the largest Armenian-American population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Armenian-Americans living in California have enriched our state through their leadership in business, agriculture, academia, government, and the arts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That Members of the Legislature hereby designate April 24, 1995, as "California Day of Remembrance of the Eightieth Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of California and to the author for appropriate distribution.

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