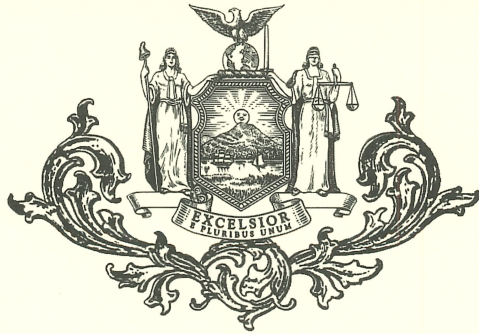




State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, as New York State is home to people of all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, we take every opportunity to recognize historical incidents that have had great impact on our diverse communities, one of these being the Armenian Genocide of 1915 - 1923; and

Whereas, this was a tragic chapter in Armenia's history, during which approximately 1.5 million Armenians were killed by the ruling Ottoman authorities; alongside many Greeks and Assyrians, Armenian men, women, and children were targeted for their ethnicity and Christian faith and subsequently executed in mass graves, put through death marches, or subjected to starvation tactics, among other methods of brutality; and

Whereas, only a small number of Armenians survived these atrocities, and we are fortunate to have the recorded memories and first-hand accounts of these brave individuals for the sake of deeper understanding of this terrible period; and

Whereas, today, our state is home to an active and thriving Armenian American community that has made outstanding contributions in all areas of life and strengthened our shared social, cultural, and economic foundations since their arrival to our land more than a century ago; and

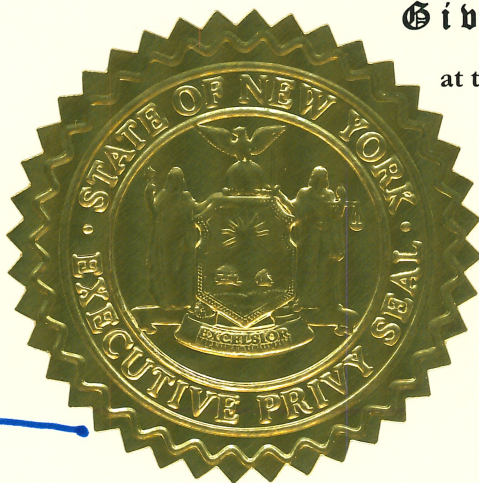
Whereas, this year marks the 111th anniversary of the onset of the Armenian Genocide, and on April 24, known to many as Martyrs Day, Armenian Americans throughout New York set aside time to honor the many lives lost; we join in this remembrance and recognize the importance of teaching residents about this horrific episode in order to prevent others like it; we also affirm New York State's role as a safe refuge for oppressed people, all of who we warmly welcome;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2026 as

ARMENIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY

in the Empire State.

G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty fourth day
of April in the year two thousand twenty-six.



Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh

Governor