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Mayor proclaims April 24th Armenian Martyrs' Day

Today, Mayor James J. Fiorentini proclaimed April 24th as Armenian Martyrs' Day, in recognition of those who gave their lives in the cause of religious freedom.

The date marks the start of a persecution of the Armenian people in 1915, when they were brought by their adherence to the cause of religious freedom and Christianity. The persecution caused millions to flee their homes and become wanderers. More than 1.5 million Armenians were victims of starvation, exposure, ruthless treatment and mass murder.

The commemoration of Armenian Martyrs' Day pays tribute to courage of the Armenian people and their will to persevere despite oppression and harsh circumstances.

Mayor Fiorentini stated:

“Today is a reminder of the horrors the Armenian people had to endure on April 24th, 1915. But more importantly, it is a demonstration of the resilience of the Armenian people, their reluctance to surrender their freedom and all they stand for. Their courage in the face of fear is one we can all embrace and learn from. I am fortunate enough to have had the privilege of learning their history and their culture, and warmly commend their strong spirits and all they have to offer this country.”



(Mayor Fiorentini gathers with several Amernians for the Proclamation of Armenian Marty's Day)