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May 5, 2015

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach
Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and
Recognizing its Place in History.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request of April 21, 2015, this office has prepared and
submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By

AMY R. WEBBER
Deputy City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH COMMEMORATING THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND
RECOGNIZING ITS PLACE IN HISTORY

WHEREAS, the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923 was the first genocide of
the 20th century, in which 1.5 million men, women and children lost their lives at the
hands of the Turkish Ottoman Empire in their attempt to systematically eliminate the
Armenian race; and

WHEREAS, the massacre of the Armenians constituted one of the most
brutal violations of human rights in history; and

WHEREAS, the Armenian Genocide is documented with overwhelming
evidence in the national archives of Austria, France, Germany, Great Britain, Russia,
Turkey and the United States, among other countries, and this vast body of evidence
attests to the same facts; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach is home to a significant number of Armenian
Americans, including Genocide survivors and their descendants;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach desires to
commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and acknowledge this
tragic event in human rights history, to honor the victims and survivors of the Genocide
and reaffirm our commitment to preventing future atrocities from being committed against
any people.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____,
2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk