



**Dee Andrews**  
**City of Long Beach**  
**Councilmember, Sixth District**

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**Date:** April 21, 2015  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Councilmember Dee Andrews, Sixth District *DA*  
**Subject:** Resolution to Recognize April as Cambodian Genocide Awareness Month

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Request City Council to Adopt the attached Resolution to Recognize April as Cambodian Genocide Awareness Month.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Cambodia genocide was carried out by the Khmer Rouge regime led by Pol Pot between 1975 and 1979. There were 1.5 to 3 million people killed during the genocide. The Khmer Rouge policies of forced relocation of the population from urban centers, torture, mass executions, use of forced labor, and malnutrition led to the deaths of an estimated 25 percent of the total population. The genocide ended following the Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia. Up to 20,000 mass graves, known as the Killing Fields, have been uncovered due to the genocide. (1)

The Cambodian genocide was one of the greatest human tragedies of the 20th century. The Cambodian people, through perseverance and resiliency, re-established families and a community in Long Beach. Their perseverance has enhanced the cultural diversity in the City of Long Beach and across the world.

The scars of genocide are carried by the survivors and families of victims living in Long Beach, as well as throughout the world. We ask that the City of Long Beach, via the approval of the City Council, pay tribute in honor of those who suffered unimaginable tragedy, as well as, to remind ourselves that future atrocity can be prevented through awareness and action.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no significant cost for this item.

(1) Information collected from Wikipedia.org

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH RECOGNIZING APRIL AS  
CAMBODIAN GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Cambodian genocide was carried out by the Khmer Rouge regime led by Pol Pot between 1975 and 1979, resulting in the death of as many as three million people, as well as the forced relocation, forced labor, starvation and torture of as much as 25 percent (25%) of the total population of Cambodia; and

WHEREAS, following this tragedy, Long Beach became home to a significant number of Cambodian individuals and families, establishing the largest Cambodian community outside of Southeast Asia, including the first "Cambodia Town" designation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Cambodians in Long Beach have promoted the revitalization of neighborhoods by establishing local and international businesses, arts and community organizations, have participated in the democratic process on the local and national level, and have used their cultural history and traditions to rebuild lives and heal, in the process inspiring hope; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach recognizes the numerous contributions of Cambodians to the social and economic revitalization of Long Beach and desires to recognize April as Cambodian Genocide Awareness Month in honor of the loss and hardship suffered during the Cambodian genocide, and the courage and resilience of its survivors;

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

Section 1. The City Council proclaims April as Cambodian Genocide Awareness month in the City of Long Beach and urges all citizens to become familiar with

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Cambodian history and culture and how it has contributed to our City and participate in cultural events and activities to commemorate the strength and endurance of the Cambodian 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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk