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1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-12-0033

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF  
5 APRIL AS GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH  
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7 WHEREAS, on April 24, 1915, the Armenian Massacres involved the  
8 systematic killing of the Armenian population of the Ottoman Empire during and just after  
9 World War I. The total number of Armenians killed is generally believed to be as many as  
10 one and a half million people; and

11 WHEREAS, in April of 1933, a Nazi Germany decree was created, which  
12 paved the way for the annihilation of over six million European Jews and millions of  
13 others that were deemed non-Arian such as Russians, homosexuals, and Catholics  
14 during World War II; and

15 WHEREAS, on April 17, 1975, the Cambodian Communists regime or  
16 Khmer Rouge started its four year reign of terror and indiscriminate executions at  
17 numerous "Killing Fields" that resulted in the death of two million people in Cambodia;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, on April 5, 1992, the siege of Sarajevo propelled a campaign of  
20 ethnic cleansing in Bosnia. Serbia set out to "ethnically cleanse" Bosnian territory by  
21 systematically removing all Bosnian Muslims. The ethnic cleansing campaign killed more  
22 than 8,000 Bosnian Muslims as well as the mass expulsion of another 25,000 - 30,000  
23 Bosnians; and

24 WHEREAS, in April of 1994, the Rwandan Genocide began which claimed  
25 the lives of more than 800,000 people. Over the course of 100 days, approximately  
26 500,000 people were killed; and

27 WHEREAS, in April of 2003, civilians in Sudan's Darfur region were  
28 attacked, thus starting a killing spree of over 400,000 people. Two and a half million

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1 people have been displaced in a genocide that continues today; and

2 WHEREAS, we, the people of Long Beach, pay tribute and honor in the  
3 name of humanity to those who suffered unimaginable tragedy, as well as to remind  
4 ourselves that future atrocities can be prevented through awareness and action;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Foster, Mayor of Long Beach, and the Long  
6 Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim the Month of April as the Official Genocide  
7 Awareness Month for the City of Long Beach:

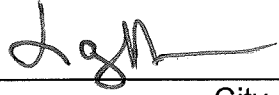
8 Sec. 1. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by  
9 the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

10 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
11 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of April 17, 2012 by the  
12 following vote:

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14 Ayes: Councilmembers: Garcia, Lowenthal, O'Donnell, Schipske,  
15 Andrews, Johnson, Gabelich, Neal.

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18 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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20 Absent: Councilmembers: DeLong.

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25 City Clerk

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