

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all over the country, in big cities and small towns, where there are Armenians, this 24th day of April is observed as "ARMENIAN MARTYR'S DAY". This in memory of the two million of their people who lost their lives in 1915. They were offered the choice of denying their Christian faith or be expelled from their land, home and means of livelihood. They preferred to die in glory than live in ignominy. They were dragged from their homes and deported to parts unknown, and on the way fanatical mobs and bloodthirsty hords preyed upon them by plundering and slaughtering them in general massacre, with the tolerance and tacit instigation of the criminal government of the time; and

WHEREAS, about one million of them, by dint of good fortune managed to survive and at the end of the war scattered to the four corners of the world; and

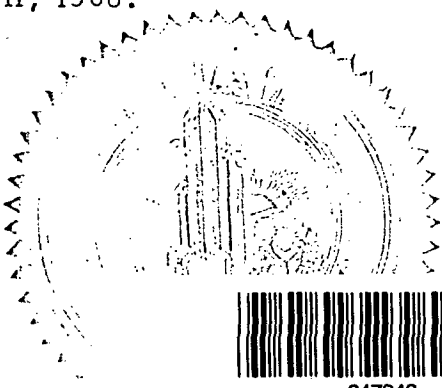
WHEREAS, we have a number of them among us here in Las Vegas. Few of them are well known and prominent persons as investors, hotel owners and managers and some as businessmen and artisans, all law-abiding good citizens.

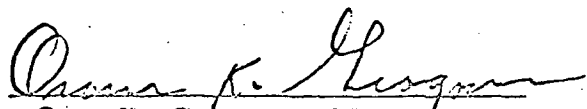
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ORAN K. GRAGSON, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas do hereby proclaim the day of April 24, 1968 as

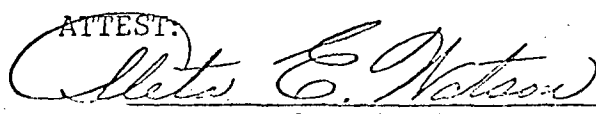
ARMENIAN MARTYR'S DAY

In the name of the people of Las Vegas we offer them our deep feelings and heartfelt sympathies for this memorable occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Las Vegas to be affixed this twenty-fourth day of April, 1968.




Oran K. Gragson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Asst. City Clerk



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