



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

WHEREAS, This year marks the 100th anniversary of the first genocide of the 20th century, the Armenian genocide, when 1.5 million men, women, and children - 3/4 of the indigenous Armenian population of what is now eastern Turkey - were victims of a premeditated genocide perpetrated by the Turkish Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923; and

WHEREAS, The killing of the Armenian people has been followed by the systematic destruction of churches, schools, libraries, treasures of art, and cultural monuments that continues to this day in an attempt to eliminate all traces of a noble civilization with a history of more than 3,000 years; and

WHEREAS, Despite overwhelming evidence, modern Turkey continues to deny the facts of the genocide, honors the perpetrators of that crime against humanity as national heroes, and persecutes its citizens who acknowledge or even allude to the Armenian genocide; and

WHEREAS, Each April, Armenians throughout the world honor their martyrs and commemorate the Armenian genocide, a term first used by Raphael Lemkin, the legal scholar who coined the word "genocide" and drafted the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, explaining in 1949 that he "became interested in genocide because it happened to the Armenians; and . . . their criminals . . . were not punished."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Clint Folsom, Mayor of the Town of Superior, Colorado, and the Board of Trustees of Superior, Colorado, pause in our deliberations to commemorate the Centennial anniversary of the Armenian Genocide;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I, Clint Folsom, Mayor of the Town of Superior, Colorado, and the Board of Trustees of Superior, Colorado, hereby acknowledge April 24, 2015, as "Town of Superior Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide", and that we encourage the citizens of Superior to learn about the Armenian Genocide and other crimes against humanity.

ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2015.

Clint Folsom

Clint Folsom, Mayor

ATTEST

Phyllis L. Hardin

Phyllis L. Hardin, Town Clerk

