South Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees

April 24, 2023

Recognizing April 24, 2023 as the Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide

WHEREAS, in the early part of the twentieth century, a systematic destruction of thousands of Armenian communities, through massacres and death marches in which some 1.5 million Armenians perished and hundreds of thousands more we uprooted from their homes and ancient homeland, was carried out from 1915 to 1923; and

WHEREAS, gross violations of human rights, including torture and mistreatment of Armenian POWs, racial hatred and desecration of cultural and religious heritage continue to be carried out by the government of Azerbaijan; and

WHEREAS, any such systematic destruction of a culture must be remembered and acknowledged and denial of Genocide must always be denounced in the hope of preventing all such events in the future; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees and Chancellor of the South Orange County Community College District hereby designates April 24 of each year as "Day of Remembrance" for the Armenian Genocide of 1915 to 1923; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District hereby encourages the colleges and all employees and students to commemorate this historic tragedy.

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