April 28, 2025

Board of Trustees Resolution

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

Whereas, in the early part of the twentieth century, between 1915-1923, the Ottoman Turkish Empire carried out a systematic destruction of thousands of Armenian communities, through massacres and death marches in which some 1.5 million Armenians were murdered and hundreds of thousands more uprooted from their homes and ancient homeland; and

Whereas, Americans of Armenian descent continue to make immense contributions to California and the United States in many fields, including science, business, education, architecture, law, healthcare, journalism, public service and the arts; and

Whereas, gross violations of human rights, including torture, mistreatment and illegal detention of Armenian prisoners, racial hatred, and desecration of cultural and religious Armenian 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 the denial of Genocide must always be denounced in the hope of preventing these crimes from reoccurring in the future; now, therefore
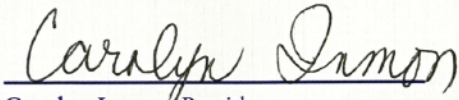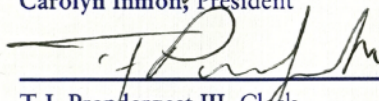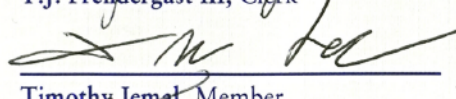
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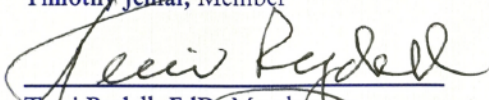## Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide

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
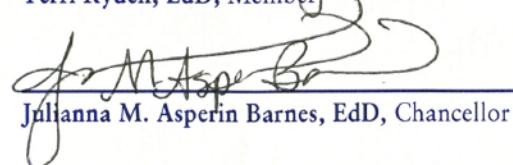
Be it further resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District hereby encourages the colleges and all employees and students to commemorate this crime against humanity.
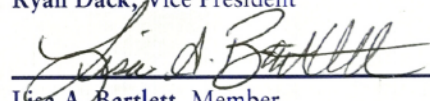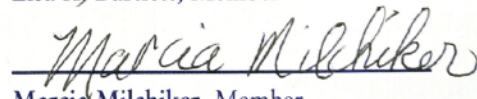
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