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# Board of Trustees Resolution

## Recognizing April 24, 2026 as a 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

*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

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*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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