

PROCLAMATION

Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

April 24, 2011

WHEREAS, the extermination from 1915-1923 of more than 1.5 million Christian Armenians by the Ottoman Turks and the forced deportations of countless others represents the first case of genocide of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, during the Genocide, Armenians were forced to witness the slaughter of their relatives and the loss of their ancestral homeland and property; and

WHEREAS, the continued denial of the Armenian Genocide by modern Turkey defiles the memory of the forefathers of living Armenians; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for all Novi residents of good will to join with Armenian-Americans in their collective remembrance and desire to ensure that similar crimes against humanity are prevented in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Landry, Mayor of the City of Novi, on behalf of the Novi City Council, do hereby commemorate this 96th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide on April 24, 2011, and urge the citizens of Novi to join in this solemn remembrance. Signed and sealed this 18th day of April, Two Thousand and Eleven.

David B. Landry
Mayor

