## GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT **RESOLUTION NO. 21**

## REMEMBERING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND REAFFIRMING A BETTER WORLD

WHEREAS: History contains innumerable examples of people who have contributed actions so positive and of such significance that they changed the course of the world forever; and

WHEREAS: History chronicles events when humankind created unspeakable horrors and acts of degradation. Catastrophic occurrences, which include religious, territorial, and political world wars, the Holocaust, and the Armenian Genocide, are among the acts of man's inhumanity to man, which have placed upon human history some of its darkest hours; and

WHEREAS: At a time when many people in our community recall the horrors of the Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust, and other tragic events, it is important for all of us to be reminded of the consequences of evil and what happens when others fail to prevent it from happening. As Edmund Burke noted more than two centuries ago, "For evil to flourish, it is only necessary for good men to do nothing;" and

**WHEREAS:** We recognize the devotion of those who survived and carried on to teach the world about these atrocities with the hope they will never occur again; and

**WHEREAS:** In a city and country with a population so rich and diverse in heritage, it is appropriate to recognize events throughout world history that remind us of the triumphs of humankind. The Americans, who through our 200 plus years have sacrificed their lives that all Americans today live in freedom, are an excellent example.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in the spirit of remembrance, the Glendale Unified School District reaffirms its commitment to the teaching of tolerance, understanding, the peaceful resolution of problems, and the strength of diversity in our schools and in our community so that these qualities may help instill in today's young generation the optimism and hope for a better world and strengthen our great nation.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 19th day of April 2022 at a regular meeting of the Glendale Unified School District.

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