

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD
PROCLAMATION

In honor of

**ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE
DAY, APRIL 24, 2022**

WHEREAS, Armenians fled increasing oppression from the Ottoman government during the 20th century, coming to America in search of freedom, where they could live in dignity without fear and oppression; and

WHEREAS, like many ethnic groups, Armenians settled in Chelmsford seeking a safe place to live, raise their families, practice their religion, and educate their children, they became an asset to the growth and vitality of the Town of Chelmsford through their strong work ethic, family values, and civic pride; and

WHEREAS, the Armenian Community of Chelmsford is comprised of the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of the survivors of the Armenian Genocide; and

WHEREAS, 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children – victims of genocide -perished in the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chelmsford Select Board does hereby issue this Proclamation in remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 and urge all residents to take part in this observance.

Signed this 11th day of April 2022:

Patricia E. Dzuris, Town Clerk

Select Board