



Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARTSAKH

WHEREAS, the Republic of Artsakh, also known as Nagorno-Karabakh, has historically been Armenian territory, populated by an overwhelming majority of Armenians; and

WHEREAS, when the Soviet Union took control of the Caucasus, Artsakh was placed within the boundaries of Soviet Azerbaijan—though it was granted autonomous status as the Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Oblast (NKAO) and the oblast's borders were drawn such that they were not contiguous with the Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic (SSR); and

WHEREAS, after the region's establishment as an autonomous oblast, the government of NKAO persisted in efforts to join the Armenian SSR and brought the issue before USSR central bodies in the 1930s as well as in 1945, 1965, 1967 and 1977, but each effort was unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, toward the end of the Cold War in the late 1980s, the regional government once again demanded a transfer to Armenia, passing a resolution in its representative body in 1988, but those demands were further denied and fighting in the region escalated, lasting three years and leaving a death toll of about 30,000; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the NKAO adopted a declaration proclaiming itself the independent Nagorno-Karabakh Republic in accordance with the appropriate USSR law. In a December 1991 referendum, 99 percent of participants voted for the independence of Nagorno-Karabakh and fighting finally ended in May 1994 with a cease-fire signed by Armenian and Azerbaijani defense ministers, along with the commander in chief of the Artsakh Defense Army; and

WHEREAS, the Artsakh Republic maintains that it is a free, sovereign state as determined by international principals of law; and

WHEREAS, beginning September 27, 2020, and continuing until the present, schools, hospitals, churches, and homes of Armenians in Artsakh and Armenia have been under attack by Turkey and Azerbaijan with the mission of continued genocide; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Artsakh has continued to remain devoted to maintaining a representative government with political and civil rights for all citizens, holding free and open elections that were assessed by international observers as free and transparent, and deserves to maintain the principle of self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Artsakh has been recognized by eleven states, including California, Hawaii, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Rhode Island, Colorado, and Minnesota; and

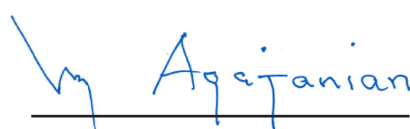
WHEREAS, the City of Glendale, California, is home to many Armenians, who comprise the largest Armenian diaspora per capita, and have contributed to the culture, economy, and overall prosperity of the City of Glendale; and

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale is home to Artsakh Avenue, renamed in 2018 in honor of the heritage and culture of Glendale's Armenian-American residents; and

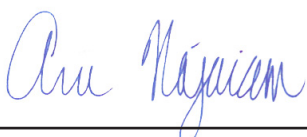
WHEREAS, the City of Glendale has stood up for human rights and has spoken out against man's inhumanity to man, demonstrated by the passing of Resolution No. 20-150 on September 29, 2020, to stand in solidarity with the people of Armenia and Artsakh to condemn Azerbaijan's aggression;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA, that
The Glendale City Council recognizes the independence of the Republic of Artsakh and encourages the Republic of Artsakh to continue to develop as a free and independent country, and formally calls upon the President of the United States and U.S. Congress to recognize the independence of the Republic of Artsakh for the purpose of bringing peace and stability to the Armenian Highlands Region (South Caucasus).

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