

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, CONDEMNING THE VIOLENCE
BY TURKEY AND AZERBAIJAN AGAINST ARMENIANS
AND SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF ARTSAKH AS
A FREE AND INDEPENDENT COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno has been the proud home of one of the oldest and most vibrant Armenian communities in the United States for over a century; and

WHEREAS, Armenian immigrants chose Fresno as their home to be free to practice Christianity, educate their children, and be productive, respectful and respectable American citizens; and

WHEREAS, Armenians fled their ancestral homeland to be free of Turkish persecution and genocide; and

WHEREAS, Armenia has been a free and proud country for thirty years, all the while knowing that Turkish persecution loomed; and

WHEREAS, Artsakh, an historic Armenian province, was liberated from Azerbaijan by Armenians in 1994 and since then Artsakh has maintained all the characteristics of a free country, despite constant and unprovoked attacks by Azerbaijan; and

WHEREAS, Turkey and Azerbaijan have begun attacking Artsakh and Armenia, targeting non-combatant civilians, using suicide drones and ISIS mercenaries, with the stated mission of continuing genocide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The City of Fresno hereby condemns the atrocious and cowardly acts of violence by Turkey and Azerbaijan against the Armenians of Armenia and Artsakh; and

2. The City of Fresno supports an immediate cease fire; and

3. The City of Fresno supports the recognition of Artsakh as a free and independent country.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2020.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Katie Doerr Date
Chief Assistant City Attorney