

## ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴԱՐԱՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ ԱՒՍՏՐԱԼԻՈՅ ԵՒ ՆՈՐ ԶԵԼԱՆՏԱՅԻ DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Առաջնորդ՝ ՀԱՅԿԱԶՈՒՆ ԵՊՍ․ ՆԱՃԱՐԵԱՆ

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## To whom it may concern

This letter is intended for employers and school administrators to verify that the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2015 is a day of remembrance for the Armenian-Australian community.

On that day, Armenians around the world will mark the Centenary of the Armenian Genocide and pay their respect to victims of this greatest crime against humanity. Australia is home to a large number of descendants of survivors of the Armenian Genocide.

In 1997 the New South Wales Parliament, declared April 24<sup>th</sup> "in every year hereafter throughout New South Wales as a Day of Remembrance of the 1.5 million Armenians who fell victim to the first genocide of this century."

In light of this proclamation and the significance of the Centenary, I have urged all Armenians to dedicate the entire day of April 24 to solemnly reflect and pay homage to the memory of victims of the Armenian Genocide.

I sincerely hope that you will respect the major significance of the occasion and excuse from work or school employees or students who are members of the Armenian-Australian community. It is especially important that parents and children be able to share this day of solemn remembrance together.

Thank you for your kind consideration. May God bless you.

With prayers,

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