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Bill 191

## **An Act to proclaim the Armenian Genocide Memorial Day**

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**Introduction**

**Introduced by  
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Member for Crémazie  
and  
Mr Yvan Bordeleau  
Member for l'Acadie**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*The purpose of this bill is to proclaim 24 April in each and every year as the Armenian Genocide Memorial Day.*

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## AN ACT TO PROCLAIM THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS from 1915 to 1917, more than 1,500,000 Armenian citizens—men, women and children—were exterminated following an operation planned by the leaders of the Young Turk government ;

WHEREAS at the international level, several countries, including Argentina, Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Russia and Sweden, as well as the European Parliament have recognized in the past years the existence of the Armenian genocide ;

WHEREAS the Armenian community of Québec, which numbers more than 20,000 citizens, contributes very actively to the economic, social and cultural development of Québec ;

WHEREAS some of our fellow citizens of Armenian origin have personally experienced the massacres ;

WHEREAS our fellow citizens of Armenian origin wish to perpetuate the memory of the genocide and of their dead ;

WHEREAS Quebecers want to share with their fellow citizens of Armenian origin the painful memory of those events, as expressed on several occasions in the National Assembly of Québec ;

WHEREAS since 1980, the National Assembly of Québec has on twenty occasions unanimously supported a motion for the commemoration of the Armenian genocide ;

WHEREAS we should learn from history and ensure that Quebecers are aware of the existence of the Armenian genocide and reaffirm their refusal of intolerance, ethnic exclusion and the extermination of peoples ;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS :

**1.** In accordance with the tradition recognizing that the plan to exterminate the Armenian people began during the night of 24 April 1915, 24 April is proclaimed as the Armenian Genocide Memorial Day.

**2.** This Act comes into force on (*insert here the date of assent to this Act*).