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Dear Monarchs,

This past weekend, we observed the 106th anniversary of the Armenian genocide, which began on April 24, 1915 and continued to 1923, claiming the lives of one and a half million Armenians, uprooting hundreds of thousands more from their homelands, and destroying thousands of Armenian communities.

At their last board meeting, our Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees passed a [resolution](#) designating April 24th of each year as a “Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915 to 1923.” On April 24, 2021, President Biden issued a [statement](#) on Armenian Remembrance Day for the first time officially recognizing the genocide.

We must ensure that these atrocities are not forgotten and acknowledge the pain that endures today, especially following the 2020 attack on the Armenian Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh).

Please join me in standing in solidarity with our Armenian students and colleagues. We are grateful for the rich Armenian culture and heritage and remain committed to ensuring that our Armenian friends and neighbors know that Valley College is their welcoming home.

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