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1 IN THE SENATE BY KERTTULA AND JOSEPHSON  
2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 Relating to the Armenian genocide.  
6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:  
7 WHEREAS the Armenian genocide, conceived by the Turkish government and  
8 implemented from 1915 to 1923, resulted in the extermination of 1,500,000  
9 Armenian men, women, and children, the deportation of an additional 500,000  
10 survivors, and the elimination of a 2,500 year Armenian presence in its  
11 historic homeland; and  
12 WHEREAS the Armenian genocide is amply documented in the archives of  
13 the United States, Austria, France, Germany, and Great Britain; and  
14 WHEREAS Henry Morgenthau, United States Ambassador to Turkey, or-  
15 ganized and led protests by all nations, including allies of Turkey, over  
16 Turkey's program of race extermination; and  
17 WHEREAS an organization known as Near East Relief, chartered by an Act  
18 of Congress, contributed some \$113,000,000 between 1915 and 1930 to aid the  
19 Armenian genocide survivors; and  
20 WHEREAS 132,000 Armenian orphans became foster children of American  
21 people; and  
22 WHEREAS the fact of the Armenian genocide was confirmed in United  
23 States Senate Resolution 359 dated May 13, 1920, that stated in part, "the  
24 testimony adduced at the hearings conducted by the subcommittee of the  
25 Senate Committee on Foreign Relations have clearly established the truth of  
26 the reported massacres and other atrocities from which the Armenian people  
27 have suffered"; and  
28 WHEREAS the fact of the Armenian genocide was also confirmed in United  
29 States House Resolution 148 that stated in part, "April 24, 1975, is hereby

1 designated as 'National Day of Remembrance of Man's Inhumanity to Man', and  
2 the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a  
3 proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such  
4 day as a day of remembrance for all victims of genocide, especially those  
5 of Armenian ancestry who succumbed to the genocide perpetrated in 1915, and  
6 in whose memory this date is commemorated by all Armenians and their  
7 friends throughout the world"; and

8 WHEREAS former President Carter in a May 16, 1978, speech at the White  
9 House stated in part, "I feel very deeply that I, as President, ought to  
10 make sure that this (Armenian genocide) is never forgotten"; and

11 WHEREAS the United States, during the March 14 and 16, 1979, sessions  
12 of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, voted in support of  
13 paragraph 30 in a report entitled "Study of the Questions of the Prevention  
14 and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide" that stated, "Passing to the  
15 modern era, one may note the existence of relatively full documentation  
16 dealing with the massacres of Armenians"; and

17 WHEREAS the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, an independent  
18 Federal agency, unanimously resolved on April 30, 1981, that, "the Armenian  
19 genocide should be included in the Holocaust Museum Memorial"; and

20 WHEREAS President Ronald Reagan in proclamation 4838, dated April 22,  
21 1981, stated in part, "like the genocide of the Armenians before it, the  
22 genocide of the Cambodians which followed it, and like too many other  
23 persecutions of too many other peoples, the lessons of the holocaust must  
24 never be forgotten"; and

25 WHEREAS the fact of the Armenian genocide has been documented, af-  
26 firmed, and reaffirmed for over six decades;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Senate that the Senate recognizes  
28 these historical events and condemns genocide in any form.