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## **GENOCIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, genocide has occurred throughout history, resulting in the loss of millions of lives and leaving lasting impacts on communities around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Armenian Genocide of 1915 stands as one of the first modern genocides, in which 1.5 million Armenians were systematically persecuted and killed; and

**WHEREAS**, these atrocities serve as powerful reminders of the dangers of hatred, prejudice, discrimination, and indifference; and

**WHEREAS**, remembrance of past genocides honors the victims and survivors while reinforcing our shared responsibility to ensure that such events are never repeated; and

**WHEREAS**, education and public awareness are essential tools in recognizing early warning signs and preventing future acts of genocide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bristol is committed to fostering a community grounded in inclusion, respect, and the protection of human rights for all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island, does hereby proclaim April 2026 as **Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month**, in memory of the victims of the Armenian Genocide, the Artsakh conflict and related atrocities, the Holocaust, and all other genocides; and in honor of survivors, rescuers, and liberators; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Bristol reaffirms its commitment to promoting human dignity, standing against hatred, and confronting genocide, discrimination, and injustice wherever and whenever they occur.