

1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 102

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1 **Relating to:** designating April 24 of each year as “Wisconsin Day of Remembrance
2 for the Armenian Genocide of 1915 to 1923”.

3 Whereas, a systematic destruction of thousands of Armenian communities,
4 through massacres and death marches in which some 1,500,000 Armenians perished
5 and hundreds of thousands more were uprooted from their homes and ancient
6 homeland, was carried out from 1915 to 1923; and

7 Whereas, despite the overwhelming evidence borne out by a wealth of
8 documentation, the Turkish government has never recognized nor accepted
9 responsibility for the genocide of the Armenian people from 1915 to 1923; and

10 Whereas, by denying, and trying to expunge, the record of their genocide, the
11 Turkish government deprives the Armenian people of their own history; and

12 Whereas, recognition of these instances of the Turkish inhumanity to the
13 Armenian population is crucial to guarding against the recurrence of genocide and
14 provides the Armenian people with a greater understanding of their heritage; and

