



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the Republic of Azerbaijan has an area of 33,440 square miles, including the Karabakh region, situated in the South Caucasus region, southeastern Europe; and

WHEREAS, the territorial integrity, state sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan is supported by the United States and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in March 1918, ethnic and religious tensions grew and the Armenian-Azeri conflict in Baku began; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the conflict, the region suffered thousands of casualties in Baku, Shemakha, Guba, Shusha, including the deaths of tens of thousands of Azerbaijani civilians; and

WHEREAS, every year since 1918, Azerbaijanis and many people around the globe, observe March 31 as a Day of Remembrance, to honor the victims resulting from the fighting that began in March 1918; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM GIBBONS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2009, as

AZERBAIJANI REMEMBRANCE DAY



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 31st day of March, 2009.

Jim Gibbons
By the Governor: Governor

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Secretary of State

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Deputy