

JOHN TORY
MAYOR

Proclamation

Greek Pontian Genocide Remembrance Day

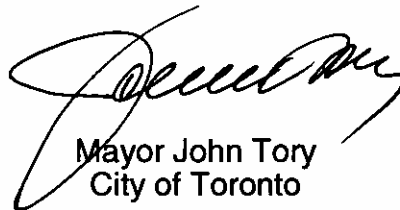
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WHEREAS Greek-Canadian communities across Canada will recognize the 102nd anniversary of the Greek Pontian Genocide of 1914.

In 1914, the Ottoman government issued a decree to remove the Greek population from their ancestral and historic homeland of Pontus, an area that had been home to the Greek Pontians since the time of Homer around 800 BCE. In the span of a few years after the decree was issued, over 350,000 Greek Pontians were exterminated and thousands were forced to flee to neighbouring countries.

By recognizing this tragic time in European history, we are provided with an opportunity to understand and appreciate the values that Canadians deeply treasure – peace, freedom and democracy.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 19, 2016** as "**Greek Pontian Genocide Remembrance Day**" in the City of Toronto.



Mayor John Tory
City of Toronto