



## ***Proclamation***

**WHEREAS** on May 19, 2017 marks the 103 Anniversary of the Greek Pontian Genocide by the Ottoman Turks; and,

**WHEREAS** the Greek Pontian Genocide is one of the darkest moments in mankind's history and one of the heinous crimes against humanity; and,

**WHEREAS** this heinous crime was the precursor to the Holocaust committed by the Nazis against Jews, Roma and other peoples during the Second World War; and,

**WHEREAS** the Greek Pontian Genocide is a forgotten genocide that has been pushed to the sidelines by the Cold War and the geopolitics in the Balkans and Eastern Mediterranean; and,

**WHEREAS** over 350,000 Greek Pontians were exterminated on orders from the Ottoman and Kemalist governments while the international community stood idle; and,

**WHEREAS** like the Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust, these acts against humanity should be recognized and remembered;

**NOW THEREFORE** let it be known that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Oshawa hereby proclaims

**May 19, 2017**

**as**


***'Greek Pontian Genocide Remembrance Day***

**in the**

**City of Oshawa**

**AND FURTHER** take notice and let it be known that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Oshawa hereby urges all citizens to recognize this event and fittingly join in its observance.

Dated at Oshawa this  
10th day of April, 2017

  
John Henry, Mayor  
City of Oshawa

