

GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2023-2024

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ARTSAKH AND CALLING FOR A  
PEACEFUL END TO THE CURRENT BLOCKADE

WHEREAS, the state of California has passed AJR-1, which condemns Azerbaijan's blockade of the Republic of Artsakh and urge the United States government to take immediate action to assist the Armenians of Artsakh.

WHEREAS, Azerbaijan has maintained a total blockade of Artsakh since December 12, 2022, completely severing Artsakh's only humanitarian lifeline to Armenia, preventing the transport of food, fuel, medicine, and other vital humanitarian supplies to the region, and leaving Artsakh's 120,000 Armenians facing critical shortages of life-sustaining goods; and

WHEREAS, Glendale Community College provides educational opportunities for individuals to engage in self-development to better understand themselves, their culture, and ways to meaningfully participate in a global community;

WHEREAS, Glendale Community College serves a large Armenian student population that is engaged in gaining understanding of the socio-cultural and historical roots of the Armenian people and the ways in which this history currently impacts segments of the Armenian diaspora, particularly GCC students;

WHEREAS, Armenians have suffered from discrimination, prejudice and the Armenian Genocide of 1915 that calls for a continued focus on learning from the past to prevent such atrocities and maintaining the Armenian culture;

WHEREAS, Artsakh is the ancestral homeland of the Armenian people and has been a center of Armenian language, culture, and religion, having maintained its autonomy for over two millennia and thus is critical to the understanding of the Armenian people; and

WHEREAS, Artsakh was an integral part of the First Republic of Armenia founded in the wake of the Armenian Genocide due to the advocacy of United States President Woodrow Wilson, who recognized the independence of the fledgling Armenian state; and

WHEREAS, Despite Artsakh's distinctly Armenian identity, it was separated from Armenia by the Soviet Union in 1921 and placed under the administrative control of Soviet Azerbaijan; and

WHEREAS, students of Glendale Community College deserve access to this vital cultural center to better understand themselves and their community;

WHEREAS, Glendale Community College seeks through education to raise awareness of the plight of its indigenous Armenian population in Artsakh,

Resolved, that the Glendale Community College Board of Trustees, unequivocally condemns the illegal and inhumane blockade enforced by Azerbaijan against Artsakh; and be it further

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees reaffirms its support for the continuing efforts of the Armenians of Artsakh to develop as a free and independent nation, and proactive multilateral conflict resolution efforts to ensure a lasting resolution to this conflict that ensure the fundamental right to self-determination for the Armenians of Artsakh; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees works to establish through its educational programs, community relationships, and partnerships with organizations in Armenia support for the people of Artsakh and the end to the blockade which severs access to vital humanitarian to the people of Artsakh.

Adopted the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023.

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Member, Board of Trustees

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Ryan Corner, Superintendent/President