

ASLMU Senate

Resolution

Supporting Armenian Student Association Resolution

- I. *WHEREAS, the [Armenian Genocide](#) has been denied and recognized by different nations. However, in 2019 the United States Senate passed a bipartisan [resolution](#) to formally recognize the Armenian Genocide of 1915.*
- II. *WHEREAS, in 1980, the people of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) petitioned to become a part of Armenia which resulted in bloody war between Armenia and Azerbaijan with bringing 20,000-30,000 casualties. With the fall of Soviet Union in 1991, the region claimed itself a [de facto independent republic](#).*
- III. *WHEREAS, on the morning of September 27, 2020, the region of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) came under attack by Azerbaijani forces.*
- IV. *WHEREAS, on October 15, Azerbaijani forces broke a paper ceasefire and continued to capture the de facto independent territory.*
- V. *WHEREAS, on November 6, [Genocide Watch](#) has issued an emergency alert classifying the conflict in Artsakh at "Stage 9: Extermination and Stage 10: Denial... [and] considers that Azerbaijan's leadership may intend to forcibly deport the Armenian population of Artsakh by committing genocidal massacres that will terrorize Armenians into leaving Artsakh"*
- VI. *WHEREAS, on November 9 the ceasefire was signed by the governments of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Russia thereby ending the six weeks of conflict. The [ceasefire](#) states "Azerbaijan holds onto portions of Nagorno-Karabakh seized by Armenian forces over the last several weeks of fighting. Armenia must withdraw from several adjacent areas this month but can keep control of the rest of the region."*

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VII. *WHEREAS, as a result of displacement, genocide, and the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Armenian community has spread out across the globe to create the [Armenian diaspora](#) of over 7 million Armenians residing in over 100 countries.*

VIII. *WHEREAS, there are between 1 million and 1.5 million Armenian Americans, making the United States the second-largest Armenian diaspora population.*

IX. *WHEREAS, [California](#) is home to the largest Armenian American diaspora, with over 200,000 Armenians living in the state. In California, the cities of Los Angeles and Glendale have the largest concentration of Armenian Americans.*

X. *WHEREAS, the Armenian diaspora experience is rooted in Intergenerational Trauma and Survivor's Guilt. [Intergenerational trauma](#) is understood as "the ongoing impact of traumatic events and situations that happened in prior generations and continues to impact the current generation". [Survivor's guilt](#) is understood as "feelings of guilt [from having] survived a life-threatening situation when others did not"*

XI. *WHEREAS, the war in Artsakh/Nagorno-Karabakh has reignited feelings of trauma for the Armenian diaspora, which is now exacerbated by the loss of their cultural homeland and the looming threat of a second genocide.*

XII. *WHEREAS, Armenian students at Loyola Marymount University are officially recognized by the Armenian Student Association (ASA). ASA has been fundraising to support Armenia and using social media to raise awareness of the war in Artsakh.*

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XIII. *WHEREAS, the administration of Loyola Marymount University has issued a 3 sentence statement in the "LMU This Week" email from October 12, 2020. This statement ended with a call to "harmonize our voices and demand a sustainable solution that vanquishes violence and brings about peace and healing". Included in the email was a "prayer for peace and justice" and information for an upcoming group therapy session for Armenian students.*

XIV. *THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that ASLMU recognizes the 1915 Armenian Genocide and supports Artsakh independence in the Nagorno-Karabakh region, which has historically been ethnically Armenian.*

XV. *THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that ASLMU supports the LMU Armenian Student Association in its efforts to raise awareness as well as funds on this issue. The proceeds of ASA's fund raising efforts have gone directly to aid families in Artsakh and Armenia.*

XVI. *THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that ASLMU Senate calls on LMU to raise further awareness of the Armenian Genocide as well as the now ended conflict in Artsakh.*

XVII. *THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that ASLMU Senate calls on ASLMU President Jack Palen to dedicate a portion of his discretionary funds to aid families in Artsakh and Armenia. The amount of funding as well as the organization that it will be donated to will be determined by President Palen through communication with members of ASA.*

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