



**DATE:** April 6, 2015  
**TO:** Mayor Gene Winstead  
**FROM:** Lorinda Pearson, Human Services Manager *J.P.*  
**RE:** **Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month**

Following the Holocaust on December 9, 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 260 (III) A, the United Nations Convention of the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, declaring genocide to be a crime under international law.

On September 15, 2014, Ellen Kennedy, Executive Director, World Without Genocide along with Jessica Kingston and Courtney Thomason attended the Human Rights Commission meeting and requested the Commission consider adding a proclamation addressing genocide awareness to its workplan. Inclusion of this proclamation was approved in the 2015 Workplan of the Bloomington Human Rights Commission adopted by the City Council.

The rationale for this designation is to honor and memorialize victims and survivors whose lives have been affected by conflict, to support policies and practices that welcome immigrants to Minnesota and Bloomington.

The attached Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation is for presentation at the Bloomington City Council meeting on April 6, 2015. Commissioners Dennis Kane and Jared Leese will be present to accept the Proclamation on behalf of the Bloomington Human Rights Commission

Attachment