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In anticipation of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, the Republic of Armenia has designated the forget-me-not flower as the official emblem of the worldwide observance of the centennial year of the Armenian Genocide. The forget-me-not flower expresses the theme of eternal remembrance, and is also meant to evoke and symbolize the past, present, and future experiences of the Armenian people.

The black center of the forget-me-not flower represents the suffering of the Armenian people in 1915 and the dark aftermath of the Genocide. While the light purple petals represent the unity of the Armenian communities worldwide, all of whom will stand together to commemorate the 100th anniversary. The five petals of the flower represent the five continents on which the survivors of the genocide found and settled into a new home, creating Armenian communities and forming the Armenian Diaspora. The light purple color of the forget-me-not symbolizes the present, while the dark purple represents an indelible future, and the survival of the ancient Armenian people and culture even in the face of hatred, violence and an unspeakable savagery a century ago.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the General Services Department be instructed to light the façade of City Hall in purple for the week of April 24 in honor of the Armenian Genocide Centennial.

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