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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, we extend greetings to the U.S. Azeris Network and everyone commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre, a terrible tragedy of the Nagorno-Karabakh War in which Armenian and Russian soldiers killed hundreds of ethnic Azerbaijani civilians who were attempting to flee the town of Khojaly.

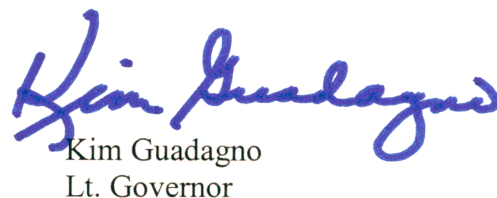
The U.S. Azeris Network deserves recognition for its pivotal role in preserving the memory of this terrible event that occurred during the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Since its inception, the organization has coordinated with Azerbaijani-American communities to educate our citizens about this tragedy and other events that are crucial to the history of Azerbaijan. Through its efforts, the legacy of those who died in the name of Azerbaijani freedom will never be forgotten. The Network has also been a valuable source of support for people of Azerbaijani descent by representing their interests on both the state and federal levels. We are pleased to commend the organization for its ongoing work on behalf of the Garden State's Azerbaijani-American residents.

We join with all of you in honoring the victims of the Khojaly Massacre. Best wishes for a solemn observance and successful commemoration.

Sincerely,



Chris Christie
Governor



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Lt. Governor