



Office of the Mayor, The City of Dallas

City of Dallas, Texas

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Turkish Americans live and contribute to the fabric of Dallas, Texas;

WHEREAS, October 29, 1923 is the date of the founding of the Republic of Turkey by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk; and,

WHEREAS, Turkey has made significant contributions to United States foreign policy and has played a critical role in international efforts for peace, prosperity, and stability; and,

WHEREAS, Turkey has become an integral part of Europe through its membership in NATO, the Council of Europe, and its impending membership to the European Union and,

WHEREAS, Turkey was one of the first allies to show unconditional solidarity with our Nation in the war against terrorism and has thrice commanded the International Peacekeeping Forces in Afghanistan and;

WHEREAS, Americans of Turkish descent in Dallas, Texas have played a significant role in the educational, cultural, economic and civic development of our community through sharing their rich cultural heritage and through their dedication to the responsibilities of good citizenship, diversity is abundant in Dallas and is one of our greatest assets, our city is stronger when we embrace different cultures and understand the many benefits that come with this rich tapestry; and

WHEREAS, Turkish American Association of North Texas (TURANT) will be celebrating Turkish Republic Day on October 21, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE I, MICHAEL S. RAWLINGS, Mayor of the city of Dallas and on behalf of the Dallas City Council, do hereby proclaim October 29, 2011 as

TURKISH REPUBLIC DAY

In Dallas, Texas