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# Proclamation

## “REPUBLIC OF TURKEY DAY”

**WHEREAS**, on July 24, 1923, the signing of the Treaty of Lausanne led to international recognition of the sovereignty of the newly formed Republic of Turkey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republic was officially proclaimed on October 29, 1923 in the new capital of Ankara, and 2011 marks the eighty-eighth anniversary of that historic event; and

**WHEREAS**, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, a military officer in World War I, was the first President of Turkey and is credited with being the founder of the Republic of Turkey; and

**WHEREAS**, Atatürk guided the Turkish national movement in the Turkish War of Independence and led the way in transforming the Republic into a modern, westernized, and secular nation-state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Turkish American Association of Northern Texas (TURANT) was founded in 1975 to promote better understanding and relations between American and Turkish-speaking people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Turkish American community has played a significant role in the diversity of Plano and provided valuable educational opportunities for cross-cultural understanding;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHIL DYER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS**, do hereby proclaim next **Saturday, October 29, 2011** as “**Republic of Turkey Day**” in Plano, and I do thereby encourage all citizens to join me and the Plano City Council in celebrating the anniversary of Turkey’s independence. The Dallas-Ft. Worth area is richer because of your willingness to share your culture and heritage.



  
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*Office of the Mayor*