Resolution

WHEREAS, the Honorable Sukru Elekdag, the Turkish Ambassador to the United States has come to the County of Genesee and the City of Flint as part of a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of the founder of modern Turkey; and

WHEREAS, said celebration will include a dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, at which the Honorable Sukru Elekdag will be the guest of honor, and dinner sponsored by the seven-year-old, 160-member Turkish American Neuro-Psychiatric Association, Dr. Erol Ucer, President; and

WHEREAS, said celebration is in honor of the birth of Mustafa Kemal, also known as Atatürk (which means father of the Turk) who, in 1923 set up the Republic of Turkey and began a sweeping reform program, and who adopted a Western way of life and modernized Turkish institutions, and under whose relatively modern administration the old signs and symbols of Ottoman decay, including the hareem, the veil and the fez, were cast aside and the old titles of bey, effendi, and pasha were done away with by law, and under whose administration the Turkish army was modernized, the arts and education were encouraged, and architecture and culture in general flourished; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Talat Halman, Turkish Ambassador of Cultural Affairs to the United Nations, is also expected to be in attendance, and thus to honor the County of Genesee with his presence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners, and Michael J. Carr, the Clerk of the Board, hereby welcome the Honorable Sukru Elekdag, Turkish Ambassador to the United States, and hereby welcome the Honorable Talat Halman, Turkish Ambassador of Cultural Affairs to the United Nations, to the County of Genesee, and hereby join the Turkish American Neuro-Psychiatric Association in the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of the great leader, great statesman and founder of modern Turkey, Kemal Atatürk.

Dale A. Evans, Chairperson
Board of Commissioners
Genesee County, Michigan

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF GENESSEE

I do hereby certify that the following Resolution was adopted by unanimous vote at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Genesee, State of Michigan, this month of March, 1982, A.D.

Michael J. Carr, Clerk
Board of Commissioners
Genesee County, Michigan