William G. Milliken  
Governor of the State of Michigan  
presents this  
Executive Declaration  
in Observance of  
March 20, 1982  
as  
KEMAL ATATURK CENTENNIAL DAY IN MICHIGAN  
The 100th anniversary of the birth of Kemal Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey, is being observed March 20, 1982, in the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Convention Center in Flint, Michigan.  
Turkish and American dignitaries, including Turkish Ambassador Sukru Elekdag, are taking part in this special gathering—an observance which is not only a fitting tribute to his memory but also a celebration of the bonds of friendship between Turkey and the United States.  
The dual celebration is fitting because Ataturk had an abiding faith in the United States and in the desirability of friendship between the two countries.  
Mayor James W. Ruchford has proclaimed this date as Kemal Ataturk Centennial Day in the City of Flint.  
Therefore, I, William G. Milliken, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby declare March 20, 1982, as Kemal Ataturk Centennial Day in Michigan, and urge all residents of Michigan to appreciate the strong and long-lasting bonds of friendship between these two great countries and Ataturk’s contribution to that friendship.  
Given under my hand on this fifteenth day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-two and of the Commonwealth one hundred forty-sixth.  

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