Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The 100th anniversary of the birth of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk will be observed worldwide during the period of May 19, 1981 to May 19, 1982; and

WHEREAS: Few leaders have transformed nations in the same dramatic way that Ataturk shaped the destiny of modern heroic Turkey. A military commander, he rescued his country from foreign occupation. A nation-builder, he removed the entrenched autocratic monarchy, and created a progressive Republic. As President, he successfully launched a broad spectrum of reforms; and

WHEREAS: The creator of "The New Turkey" was a statesman admired by other world leaders. He was praised for his commitment to "Peace at home, Peace in the World"; and

WHEREAS: Ataturk had an abiding faith in U.S. - Turkish friendship. It will be an occasion for the Turkish community in the U.S. and the American friends of Turkey to commemorate the great Turkish Leader;

NOW, THEREFORE, I James W. Rutherford, Mayor of the City of Flint do hereby proclaim March 29, 1982 as:

"THE ATATURK DAY!

in the City of Flint in recognition of this outstanding Turkish statesman.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Flint, Michigan to be affixed this 14th day of March, 1984.

James W. Rutherford
Mayor, Flint, Michigan