PROCLAMATION

From the Office of the Mayor
The City of Toledo, Ohio

WHEREAS, Kemal Ataturk stands as one of this century's most inspiring leaders; and

WHEREAS, he was a modern nation builder who transformed the dynastic theocratic Ottoman empire into the progressive republic of Turkey, where he carried out a remarkable program of economic growth and cultural modernization; and

WHEREAS, he articulated, and put into effect, many principles which represent the best ideals of humanity in our times, including equal rights for women, free education, secular administration, social justice, freedom, dignity and equal opportunity for every person; and

WHEREAS, emerging nations have found in his vision and achievements a compelling source of inspiration and a model for their national independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Doug DeGond, Mayor of the City of Toledo, by the powers vested in me, do hereby proclaim January 23, 1982, as:

THE ATATURK DAY

in Toledo, and do urge our citizens to take due note of this auspicious occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Toledo to be affixed hereunto this 13th day of January, 1982.

Doug DeGood
Mayor