MAYORAL PROCLAMATION
TURKISH REPUBLIC DAY

WHEREAS, October 29, 1923 is the date of the founding of the Republic of Turkey by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk; and

WHEREAS, Turkey is the only secular democracy in the Muslim world and has been an ally of the United States for over five decades, making significant contributions and sacrifices for global peace, stability and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, as the only secular democracy in the Muslim world, Turkey continues to make significant contributions side by side with the United States to restore and preserve peace in the Balkans, the Middle East, Central Asia and the Caucasus; and

WHEREAS, Turkey was one of the first allies to show unconditional solidarity with our nation in the war against terrorism and has thrice commanded the International Peacekeeping Forces in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, the Turkish American Cultural Association of Michigan has been a member of the Wixom Community at its current location on Beck Road since 1981; and

WHEREAS, Americans of Turkish descent in the City of Wixom have played a significant role in the educational, cultural, economic and civic development of our community through sharing their rich cultural heritage and through their dedication to the responsibilities of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, all Turks and Turkish Americans will be celebrating Turkish Republic Day on October 29.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael McDonald, Mayor of the City of Wixom, do hereby proclaim October 29, 2007 as TURKISH REPUBLIC DAY in the City of Wixom and urge all multicultural communities to join our Turkish community in celebration with appropriate activities and observances.

Michael McDonald
Mayor
City of Wixom