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 made significant contributions to United States foreign policy in the Balkans, the Middle East, Central Asia and the Caucasus and has played a critical role in international efforts for peace, prosperity and stability; and,

WHEREAS, Turkey has become an integral part of Europe through its membership in NATO, the Council of Europe, and its impending membership in the European Union; 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, Americans of Turkish descent in the State of Michigan have played a significant role in the educational, cultural, economic and civic development of our community through their sharing of their rich cultural heritage and through their dedication to the responsibilities of good citizenship; and,

WHEREAS, all Turks and Turkish Americans alike will be celebrating Turkish Republic Day on October 29, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Kevin W. Hinkley, do hereby proclaim October 29, 2011 as Turkish Republic Day in the City of Wixom and encourage all Wixom citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this day.

Kevin W. Hinkley
Mayor
City of Wixom