

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas, the Republic of Turkey was founded October 29, 1923, by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk; and
- Whereas, Turkey is the only secular democracy in the Muslim world, and has played a critical role in international efforts for peace, prosperity, and stability; and
- Whereas, Turkey is a staunch ally and has supported the United States in every major conflict since the Korean War; and
- Whereas, Turkey is an integral part of Europe through its membership in NATO, the Council of Europe, and its impending membership to the European Union; and
- Whereas, Americans of Turkish origin play a significant role in the ethnic diversity of Seattle by sharing their rich spiritual and cultural heritage, as well as their dedication to the responsibilities of good citizenship; and
- Whereas, all Turks and Turkish-Americans will celebrate Turkish Republic Day on October 29, 2011;

Now, Therefore, I, Michael McGinn, Mayor of Seattle, Washington, do hereby proclaim October 29, 2011 as

Turkish Republic Day

in the City of Seattle and urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.



Michael McGinn
Mayor

