

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Turkish Americans live and contribute to the fabric of the Arlington community; and

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 to 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 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, diversity is abundant in Arlington and is one of our greatest assets, our city is stronger when we embrace different cultures and understand the many benefits that come with this rich tapestry; and

WHEREAS, Turkish Society of Texas (TURKSOTX) will be celebrating Turkish Republic Day on October 29, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby proclaim October 29, 2015 as

TURKISH REPUBLIC DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 29th day of October in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen.


MAYOR

