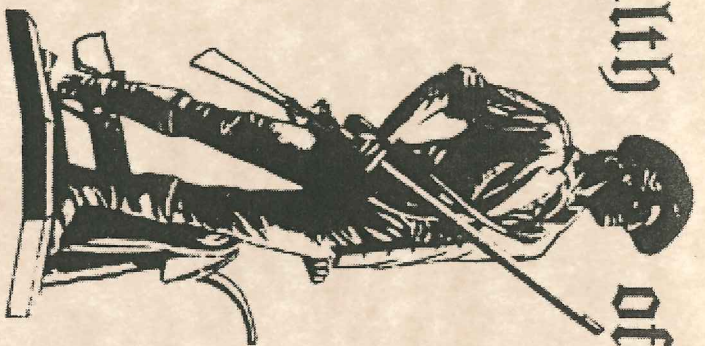


Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- Whereas** The Republic of Turkey was founded on October 29th, 1923; and
- Whereas** Turkish Americans continue to be a vital part of the Commonwealth's rich diversity by contributing significantly to all aspects of daily life, including education, medicine, commerce, agriculture, public service and technology; and
- Whereas** The Turkish American Cultural Society of New England, Inc., representing Turkish Americans in Massachusetts is celebrating the 88th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Turkey; and
- Whereas** The 17th Annual Boston Turkish Festival, held from October 29th to December 15th, brings together people to celebrate and share in the Turkish culture and community; and
- Whereas** Massachusetts residents of Turkish descent generously supported the relief effort of the 1999 Earthquake in Turkey, which threatened the well-being of the region's largest country and economy; and
- Whereas** It is appropriate that all residents recognize Turkish Americans for their many contributions to the cities and towns across our Commonwealth,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 29th, 2012 to be,

TURKISH REPUBLIC DAY

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty third day of October, in the year two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH



WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH