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His Excellency Deval Patrick
Governor of Massachusetts
Office of the Governor
Room 360
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Patrick:

We of the Turkish American Cultural Society of New England would like to commend your fine work for the citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As residents of this great state, we are delighted to be acknowledged as being a part of the history, community, and economy of Massachusetts through the meaningful proclamations of the Governors of Massachusetts since 2001, proclaiming October 29th as the Turkish Republic Day in Massachusetts.

We would be honored with your decision to share the celebration of this important day with us again this year by proclaiming October 29th, 2012 as the Turkish Republic Day in Massachusetts, which marks the 89th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Turkey. A key member of NATO and a long-standing ally of the United States of America, Turkey is a stable secular democracy in a volatile region where peace and stability are of utmost importance to the United States.

Your proclamation will be gratefully acknowledged by the Turkish American community in Massachusetts, and it will strengthen furthermore the bridge of friendship between the two countries.

We will be honored with your presence in our flag-raising ceremony and in the reception for October 29, 2012 at the City Hall.

Respectfully,

Erkut Gömülü
President, Turkish American Cultural Society of New England

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
A Proclamation
By His Excellency
GOVERNOR DEVAL PATRICK
2012

WHEREAS: The Republic of Turkey has been a staunch ally of the United States and has supported the United States of America in every major conflict since the Korean War; and

WHEREAS: The United States of America has assigned strategic importance to cooperation with Turkey in the fields of mutual security, trade and investment, regional stability and energy; and

WHEREAS: Turkey is the world's only secular Muslim democracy, 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 crucial role in the international effort to bring peace, prosperity and stability to said regions; 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: Americans of Turkish descent in our Massachusetts have spearheaded the relief effort in our community which has generously supported the earthquake in Turkey that has also threatened the economic well-being of the region's largest country and economy; and

WHEREAS: Americans of Turkish descent in Massachusetts have played a significant role in the educational, cultural, economic and civic development of our community; and

WHEREAS: We recognize many individuals of Turkish descent who have chosen our community as their home and share their rich heritage with us; and

WHEREAS: The Turkish American Cultural Society of New England, Inc., representing Turkish Americans in Massachusetts is celebrating the 89th Anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Turkey,

NOW, THEREFORE I, DEVAL PATRICK, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 29th, 2012, to be

TURKISH REPUBLIC DAY IN MASSACHUSETTS

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

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 16th 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, 2011 to be,

TURKISH REPUBLIC DAY

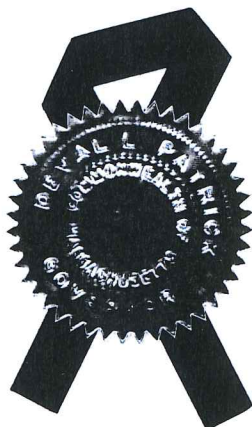
And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this fourth day of October, in the year two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

By His Excellency

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deval L. Patrick', written over a white background.

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Francis Galvin', written over a white background.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH