



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, this is the 90th anniversary for the Republic of Turkey; and

WHEREAS, every year on October 29, Turkey celebrates Republic Day, commemorating the day when Turkey became a republic; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 1923, the Republic of Turkey was formally established and Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the visionary leader of modern Turkey, became its first President; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Turkey share common values of democracy, diversity, tolerance, social mobility, and the separation of religious and civic life; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Turkey have been close friends and allies for more than half a century; and

WHEREAS, Turkish Americans are an important part of the fabric of the United States, as evidenced by their contributions to the arts, science, academia, and business; and

WHEREAS, Turkish Americans serve as goodwill ambassadors promoting greater understanding between the United States and Turkey, by educating people in the United States about Turkey's rich cultural heritage, and the importance of the strategic partnership to advance mutual interests between the United States and Turkey; and

WHEREAS, Turkey is becoming a reliable energy hub for the Western World in a highly volatile region, completing the East-West Energy Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Turkey signed an Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation in September 2010 paving the way for enhanced cooperation in areas ranging from health and education to energy and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Turkey is the 15th largest economy in the world, with the highest growth rate among members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in 2010; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Turkey was the 47th largest source of United States imports, totaling \$4.2 billion, resulting in a merchandise trade surplus of \$6.35 billion for the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim October 29, 2013, as

TURKISH REPUBLIC DAY



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 24th day of September, 2013.

By the Governor:

Governor

Brian Sandoval

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy