



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF KENTWOOD

Proclamation

Srebrenica Remembrance Day

Whereas, Both The United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives passed resolutions in 2005 acknowledging the genocide that the Serbian forces perpetrated in Srebrenica, and all of Bosnia from 1992 to 1995; and

Whereas, July 11, 2009; is commemorated as the 14th anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre in which at least 8,372 innocent Bosniak civilians were summarily executed and 30,000 were expelled from their homes in the worst atrocity in Europe since the holocaust; and

Whereas, This anniversary raises awareness of the tragic suffering of the Bosnian people and honors and remembers those who died as a result of the policies of ethnic cleansing and aggression; and

Whereas, the Congress of North American Bosniaks (CNAB) is the umbrella organization representing Bosniaks in the United States and Canada requested this resolution; and

Whereas, The City of Kentwood recognizes the importance of this event to bring closure for the Bosnian people through justice and truth; now, therefore, be it

I Mayor Richard Root of the City of Kentwood, proclaim the day of July 11 of every consecutive year, as Srebrenica Remembrance Day and the week of July 11 of every consecutive year, as Bosnia and Herzegovina Tribute Week in the State of Michigan.

We call upon all citizens to work toward ending the cycle of violence and promoting peaceful coexistence among all.



Richard Root
Kentwood City Mayor