



City of Grand Rapids, Michigan

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

GEORGE K. HEARTWELL
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, July 11, 2010, is commemorated as the 15th 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 Grand Rapids recognizes the importance of this event to bring closure for the Bosnian people through justice and truth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George K. Heartwell, Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids, do hereby proclaim July 11, 2010

Srebrenica Remembrance Day

and the week of July 11, 2010, is hereby proclaimed

Bosnia and Herzegovina Tribute Week

in the City of Grand Rapids, and call upon all citizens to work toward ending the cycle of violence and promoting peaceful coexistence among all.


George K. Heartwell

