

March 24, 2009

Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2009 at the Orange County Fairgrounds, the Pacifica Institute will hold the Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival; the Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival is one of the largest Turkish festival in the world; the festival promises to amaze visitors for four days from April 2, through April 5, 2009; the festival will celebrate the cultures, cuisines, and history of Anatolia, which is modern-day Turkey; and

WHEREAS, the word "Anatolia" is an ancient word meaning "country of the east; Anatolia or "Anadolu" as it is called in Turkish, is a peninsula situated in the southwest corner of Asia; the area of Anatolia is known today as Turkey; the history of Anatolia is the history of Turkey; one cannot be explored without exploring the other; one cannot comprehend one without comprehending the other; and

WHEREAS, the Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival is an opportunity to celebrate the rich ethnic heritage of Turkish peoples and the many contributions that they have made in America and around the world; throughout the history of the world, men and women of Anatolian (Turkish) descent have made outstanding contributions in all areas and aspects of life that include business, the arts, education, government, and athletics; every aspect of our lives as a people of the world has been enriched by the unique talents, abilities, knowledge, dedication, and diligence of the Anatolian people; and

WHEREAS, the festival will feature representations of various civilizations, cities, architecture, museums, a bazaar, a fountain, a children's ground, and a concert ground that will host music, dancing, movies, shows, and symposia; icons of Anatolia will encompass the Path of Anatolia which represent the eleven great civilizations that flourished in Anatolia, a replica of Akhdamar Church which was in the city of Van, the City of Mardin, which is renowned for its awesome architecture, a model of Rumi's Museum which was located in Konya, a model of the Aspendos Theater which was located in Antalya, and Maiden's Tower which was situated in Istanbul; a replica of the Fountain of Ahmet III also will be featured at the festival; and

WHEREAS, many outstanding men and women of Anatolian (Turkish) descent have enriched and enhanced our nation's own history; all Americans take great pride in the accomplishments of the many Turkish Americans across America who have made extraordinary contributions to our life as a nation; and

WHEREAS, in light of the many contributions that the Turkish people have made and continue to make to our great nation and to our world, it is appropriate that Pacifica Institute has chosen to hold its inaugural Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival at the Orange County Fairgrounds to celebrate the Anatolian people and their important and awesome legacy in American and world history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby congratulate Pacifica Institute for putting on the inaugural Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival, and offers its best wishes for a fun and successful event.

April 2, 2009

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