



City of Grand Rapids, Michigan

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

GEORGE K. HEARTWELL
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, July 11, 2013, is commemorated as the 18th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide 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, together with this year's 21st anniversary since the beginning of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, raises awareness of the tragic suffering of the Bosnian people; and

WHEREAS, it is important to honor and remember the over 100,000 civilians who died as a result of the policies of ethnic cleansing and aggression in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the period of 1992-1995; 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, 2013, as

SREBRENICA REMEMBRANCE DAY

and the week of July 11, 2013, as

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

