

1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 59

June 10, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives VRAKAS, LADWIG, SYKORA, HAHN, KLUSMAN, PORTER, OLSEN, HUNDERTMARK, RYBA, SPILLNER and HOVEN, cosponsored by Senators RISSER, PANZER, WELCH and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** supporting an initiative seeking a just and peaceful resolution of the
2 situation in Cyprus.

3 Whereas, this year marks the 25th anniversary of the Turkish invasion and
4 occupation of Cyprus; and

5 Whereas, the Republic of Cyprus has been divided and occupied by foreign
6 forces since 1974 in violation of United Nations Resolutions; and

7 Whereas, the international community and the United States government
8 have repeatedly called for the speedy withdrawal of all foreign forces from the
9 territory of Cyprus; and

10 Whereas, there are internationally acceptable means to resolve the situation
11 in Cyprus, including the demilitarization of Cyprus and the establishment of a
12 multinational force to ensure the security of both communities in Cyprus; and

13 Whereas, a peaceful, just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would
14 greatly benefit the security, and the political, economic and social well-being of all

1 Cypriots, as well as contribute to improved relations between Greece and Turkey;
2 and

3 Whereas, the United Nations has repeatedly stated the parameters for such a
4 solution, most recently in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1217, which
5 was adopted on December 22, 1998, with United States support; and

6 Whereas, United Nations Security Council Resolution 1218 adopted on
7 December 22, 1998, calls for reduction of tensions in the island, through a staged
8 process aimed at limiting and then substantially reducing the level of all troops and
9 armaments in Cyprus, ultimately leading to the demilitarization of the Republic of
10 Cyprus; now, therefore, be it

11 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
12 legislature endorses United Nations Security Council Resolution 1217, as supported
13 by the United States, to undertake significant efforts in order to promote substantial
14 progress towards a solution of the Cyprus problem in 1999; and, be it further

15 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
16 resolution to each member of this state's congressional delegation.

17 (END)