



## 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)