

Resolution No. 1320-2019

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

**Council Member(s) Polensek,
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Urging President Trump to deliver a permanent end to Turkish military action against Kurds in Syria; and supporting the House's passed resolution that opposes the decision to end efforts to prevent Turkish military operations against Syrian Kurdish forces and urges the United States to protect the Kurds.

WHEREAS, this Council and citizens of Cleveland are outraged over President Trump's abandoning the Kurds in Northern Syria by withdrawing American troops; and

WHEREAS, the Kurdish patriots who fought alongside our American soldiers against ISIS and other Islamic militant groups are now being abandoned and exposed to potential genocide by Turkish forces; and

WHEREAS, scores of Syrian Kurdish fighters and civilians have been killed and thousands of residents displaced; women and children have been exposed to direct fire from Turkish forces; and

WHEREAS, this ill-fated withdrawal of American troops will destabilize the entire region and lead to an escalation of warfare and a greater potential of terrorism throughout the Middle East and the world; and

WHEREAS, this Council supports the House's passed resolution that opposes the decision to end United States efforts to prevent Turkish military operations against Syrian Kurdish forces, urges Turkey to end its military action, calls on the United States to protect the Kurds, and urges the White House to present a specific plan for the enduring defeat of ISIS; and

WHEREAS, despite a pause in military operations for 120 hours being negotiated with Turkish President Erdogan while Kurdish fighters retreat from the area, this Council urges President Trump to stand with Kurdish allies and deliver a permanent cease-fire and end to Turkish military action against Kurds in Syria; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council urges President Trump to deliver a permanent end to Turkish military action against Kurds in Syria; and supports the House's passed resolution opposing the decision to end efforts to prevent Turkish military operations against Syrian Kurdish forces and urging the United States to protect the Kurds.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to President Trump, U.S Senator Sherrod Brown, U.S. Senator Rob Portman, and U.S. Representative Marcia Fudge.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

