

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, shortly after Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan visited the White House, armed Turkish security personnel brutally attacked Americans who were peacefully protesting against Erdogan in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, during these brutal attacks, Turkish security forces violently beat women and elderly men to the ground and repeatedly kicked people in the head. At least 11 people were injured, including a police officer, and nine of them required hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, these outrages occurred in our nation's capital, in full view of President Erdogan and apparently with his personal approval, shortly after he met with the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, such criminal conduct would be entirely intolerable under any circumstances, but especially in a democratic society such as ours; and

WHEREAS, the fact that it actually involved the Turkish President's own security personnel clearly demonstrates that the Turkish regime and its diplomatic missions hold American laws and constitutional principles in deep disdain; and

WHEREAS, after such a despicable episode, the United States should have received a profound apology from its "ally," along with assurances that those responsible would be held accountable, but instead, the Erdogan regime had the temerity to further insult our country by blaming the victims and referring to the courageous actions of U.S. law enforcement personnel as "unprofessional" and "aggressive"; and

WHEREAS, the United States must take strong, unambiguous and meaningful action against the Erdogan regime in response to this outrage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles calls upon President Trump and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson to make an appropriate and unambiguous response to the events of May 16, including (i) tangible diplomatic consequences to the Republic of Turkey and its ambassador to the United States; and (ii) identification and prosecution of all of the perpetrators of the criminal assault, and a finding that all foreign nationals determined to be responsible be declared persona non grata and removed from the United States.

Presented by:



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Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Seconded by:



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