

## **CONDOLENCE MOTION**

**Moved by: Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong**

**Seconded by: Councillor Michelle Holland**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council were deeply saddened to learn of the attack on Atatürk Airport in Istanbul, Turkey on Tuesday, June 28, 2016. In this tragic event, 45 people lost their lives and 239 were injured. There are still 17 people in intensive care today.

Those of you who have travelled to Istanbul and who have been to this airport on your way to Turkey or elsewhere know that Atatürk Airport is a major transportation hub. It is the biggest airport in Turkey serving thousands of people every day and millions of people every year. It is a key connecting point for people travelling domestically and internationally.

On June 28th, when Atatürk Airport was attacked, ordinary citizens, like you and I, were targeted while trying to go about their days. It was a terrible tragedy that Turkey is still working to recover from.

Those lost in the attack were from Turkey and around the world. It is a loss that touches our hearts and minds as we mourn for the families of those who have died and those whose lives have been changed forever.

We are reminded of other recent attacks in Turkey that have taken the lives of hundreds of people. This was the second terrorist attack in the month of June alone. In the last year, there have been 10 terrorist attacks on Turkish soil. Terrorism is a global threat that knows no borders. It affects us all.

In these difficult times, we remember that life is fragile and that we should value the time we have with our loved ones.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the families of those lost in the attack, to those whose lives have been greatly affected and to those in intensive care trying to recover.

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