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Subject: Re: Motion to Support the Earthquake Victims of Turkey and Syria
File: A-1400

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on March 27, 2023 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2023, at 04:17 TRT, a M 7.8 earthquake struck southern and central Turkey and northern and western Syria, followed by a M 7.7 earthquake at 13:24 TRT the same day, with an epicenter 37 km (23 mi) west-northwest of Gaziantep, causing widespread damage in an area of about 140,000Sq Miles (approximately the size of Germany);

And Whereas, as of March 20, 2023, more than 57,300 deaths were confirmed, with more than 50,000 in Turkey and more than 7,200 in Syria, leaving more than 1.5 million people homeless;

And Whereas, the Red Cross/Red Crescent is working to deliver emergency relief and to get help to those impacted by the earthquakes as quickly as possible, and is delivering aid on an ongoing basis;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering donate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Canadian Red Cross for their efforts to deliver ongoing recovery efforts, and resiliency and preparedness activities in areas impacted by the earthquake;
2. That the Mayor, Members of Council and the Economic Development staff reach out to local businesses in the City of Pickering and other partners to make them aware of

the great need for help in impacted areas, and to make them aware of the agencies in need of support to provide that help; and,

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Councils of the Region of Durham, Ajax, Brock, Clarington, Oshawa, Scugog, Uxbridge and Whitby for their consideration of similar support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am.

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