



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
NO. LTC # 150-2010

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: May 19, 2010

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY RESOLUTION NO. 2010-47.

Attached for your perusal is The Village of Palmetto Bay Resolution No. 2010-4, vigorously opposing the election of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women.

I am forwarding this for your review.

JMG

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Attachments

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, VIGOROUSLY OPPOSING THE ELECTION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATION'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. (Sponsored by Councilman Edward Feller; co-sponsored by Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Councilman Howard Tendrich, and Councilwoman Shelley Stanczyk)

WHEREAS, equal rights for women is a fundamental part of the legal and ethical structure of the United States and of most civilized countries throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, the United Nations has just elected the Islamic Republic of Iran to a four-year term on the U.N.'s Commission on the Status of Women, with the United States proposing no public opposition to this election, and the U.S. government, to date, not responding to questions concerning this; and,

WHEREAS, a group of Iranian women had circulated a petition to the United Nations, endorsed by multiple other human rights groups that said, in part, "Iran's discriminatory laws demonstrate that The Islamic Republic does not believe in gender equality," and further stating that, "women in Iran lack the ability to choose their husbands, have no independent right to education after marriage, no right to divorce, no right to child custody, no protection from violent treatment in public spaces, are restricted by quotas for women's admission at universities, and are arrested and imprisoned for peacefully seeking changes of such laws." They further state that women seeking nothing more than equality in the social sphere when imprisoned have been systematically beaten, tortured, sexually assaulted, and raped; and,

WHEREAS, ideas in a democracy frequently begin at the local level, whether it be in government, industry, unions, professional groups, or social and political organizations, and are progressively moved up to higher levels that can take action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:


Section 1. The Council forward its opinion to its representatives in the US House of Representatives and Senate, as well as to President Obama, and ask them to consider taking some action to reverse this.

Section 2. The Council forward this to the Miami-Dade and Florida League of Cities, as well as to all of the municipalities in Miami Dade County, including the Miami-Dade County Commission and the Mayor, asking them to also consider taking action on this matter.


Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 3rd day of May, 2010.

Attest: 
Meghan Rader
Village Clerk


Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Eve A. Boutsis,
Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.	<u>YES</u>
Vice Mayor Brian W. Pariser	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Ed Feller	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Howard J. Tendrich	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Shelley Stanczyk	<u>YES</u>