

Press Release

LCBCC Oppose Lifting of U.S. Sanctions against Iran

Lea County Courthouse, Lovington, NM:

On September 4, 2015 the Lea County Board of County Commissioners (LCBCC) approved a Resolution Opposing the Lifting of Sanctions by the United States against Iran. After the presentation by Lea County Manager Mike Gallagher, the LCBCC resolved to state their opposition to the lifting of sanctions by the United States against Iran.

The United States and the European Union imposed increased sanctions against Iran in late 2011 and during the summer of 2012. Those sanctions led to the displacement of more than 1.0 million barrels of oil per day of Iranian crude oil on the global market.

Iran has the world's fourth largest oil reserves and the second-largest natural gas reserves. Increased export of oil by Iran will surely impact the price of oil negatively and will generate more funding of terrorism by Iran. As oil prices have fallen sharply over the last 12 months, the removal of those sanctions will impact the price of oil in Lea County, the State of New Mexico and the United States. Lea County Chairman, Gregg Fulfer stated "this would have a seriously negative impact on family income and increase unemployment in our county."

Iran was first designated by the U.S. State Department as a State Sponsor of Terrorism in 1984. As recently as 2014, the U.S. State Department determined that Iran continues its terrorist-related activity and remains non-compliant with its obligations regarding the development of its nuclear program.

Lea County stands with the people, over partisan politics, against terrorism. In addition to stating their opposition to lifting the sanctions by the United States against Iran, the LCBCC has resolved that this document be forwarded immediately by the Lea County Manager's office to all members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation and to all major newspapers in the State of New Mexico.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LEA
RESOLUTION NO. 15-SEP-193R**

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN

WHEREAS, the United States and the European Union imposed increased sanctions against Iran in late 2011 and during the summer of 2012; and

WHEREAS, those sanctions led to the displacement of more than 1.0 million barrels of oil per day of Iranian crude oil on the global market; and

WHEREAS, oil prices have fallen sharply over the last 12 months; and

WHEREAS, Iran has the world's fourth-largest oil reserves and the second-largest natural gas reserves; and

WHEREAS, increased export of oil by Iran will surely impact the price of oil negatively; and

WHEREAS, the negative impact on the oil price will surely increase unemployment in Lea County and the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, an increase in unemployment will adversely impact household incomes of families residing in Lea County and the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Iran was first designated by the U.S. State Department as a State Sponsor of Terrorism in 1984; and

WHEREAS, as recently as 2014, the U.S. State Department determined that Iran continues its terrorist-related activity and remains non-compliant with its obligations regarding the development of its nuclear program; and

WHEREAS, Lea County stands with the people, over partisan politics, against terrorism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lea County, that it state its opposition to the lifting of sanctions by the United States against Iran, as the removal of those sanctions will impact the price of oil in Lea County, the State of New Mexico, and the United States and will generate more funding of terrorism by Iran.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager forward this resolution immediately to all members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation and to all major newspapers in the State of New Mexico.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting September 4, 2015.

LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Gregory H. Fulfer
Gregory H. Fulfer, Chair
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Ron R. Black
Ron R. Black, Vice Chair
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Dale Dunlap
Dale Dunlap, Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

James H. Britton
James H. Britton, Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Rebecca Long
Rebecca Long, Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Lea County
SEP 04 2015
LCBCC Meeting

ATTEST: Pat Chappelle
Lea County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:

By: Kelli Williams
Kelli Williams, Deputy

John W. Caldwell
John W. Caldwell, County Attorney

