RESOLUTION

Strongly condemning the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on America and declaring full and complete support of the United States Government represented by our President, Our United States Senators, and our Members of Congress as they address critical needs in order to rebuild a safe and secure environment for all Americans. Our resolve to stand together will not be shaken.

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the United States of America was suddenly and brutally attacked by foreign terrorists.

WHEREAS, these terrorists hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, DC.

WHEREAS, thousands of innocent Americans were killed and injured as a result of these attacks, including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers and bystanders.

WHEREAS, these cowardly acts were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and by targeting symbols of American strength and success, clearly were intended to intimidate our nation and weaken its resolve.

AND, WHEREAS, these horrific events have affected all Americans. It is important that we carry on with the regular activities of our lives. Terrorism cannot be allowed to break the spirit of the American people, and the best way to show these cowards that they have truly failed is for the people of the United States and their counties to stand tall and proud.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cuyahoga Board of Commissioners condemns the cowardly and deadly actions of these terrorists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners supports President George W. Bush, as he works with his national security team to defend against additional attacks, and find the perpetrators to bring them to justice.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners recommends to its citizens to support relief efforts by giving blood and the nearest available blood donation center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to submit one copy of this resolution to President George W. Bush; Governor, Robert Taft; Senator Michael DeWine; Senator George V. Voinovich; U.S. Representatives Dennis Kucinich; Stephanie Tubbs-Jones; Sherrod Brown; Thomas C. Sawyer; Ralph S. Regula; James A. Traficant, Jr.; and Steven LaTourette; Richard Finan, Senate Majority Leader; Larry Householder, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Javie Gonzales, President, National Association of Counties and Larry E. Naake, Executive Director, National Association of Counties.

On Motion of Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: McCormack, Campbell, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Marjorie J. Pettus, Clerk of the Board

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