

RESOLUTION

Resolution expressing sympathy to the citizens of the state of Gujarat and to the country of India for the tragic losses suffered as a result of the earthquake on January 26, 2001; expressing support for the people of India, the efforts of the World Bank, the continuation and substantial increase of disaster assistance provided by the United States Agency for International Development and other relief agencies, and the provision of future economic assistance for the rebuilding of Gujarat.

WHEREAS, on the morning of January 26, 2001, a devastating and deadly earthquake shook the state of Gujarat in western India, killing untold tens of thousands of people, countless other, and crippling most of the region.

WHEREAS, the earthquake of January 26, 2001, has left thousands of buildings in ruin, caused widespread fires and destroyed infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the people of India and people of Indian origin have displayed strength, courage and determination in the aftermath of the earthquake.

WHEREAS, the people of United States and India have developed a strong friendship based on mutual interest and respect.

WHEREAS, India has requested \$1,700,000.000.00 from the World Bank for economic assistance to start rebuilding from the earthquake.

WHEREAS, the United States has offered technical and monetary assistance through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID);

AND WHEREAS, offers of assistance have also come from the governments of Turkey, Switzerland, Taiwan, Russia, Germany, China, Canada, and others, as well as countless nongovernmental organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners:

- **expresses its deepest sympathies to the citizens of the state of Gujarat and to all of India for the tragic losses suffered as a result of the earthquake of January 26, 2001.**
- **expresses its support for--**

the people of India as they continue their efforts to rebuild their cities and their lives.

the efforts of the World Bank.

the continuation and substantial increase in the amount of disaster assistance being provided by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and other relief agencies; and

providing future economic assistance in order to help rebuild Gujarat; and

- recognizes and encourages the important assistance that also could be provided by other nations to alleviate the suffering of the people of India.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to submit one copy of this resolution to Elizabeth Balraj, M.D., County Coroner; and one copy each to Sunil Chand, Ph.D., President, FICA, Academic and Student Affairs, District Administrative Services, 700 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115; Ajit C. Shah, M.D., President, AIPNO, 7215 Old Oak Boulevard, Suite A-414, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130; Winfred J. Balraj, President, ALABG, 32795 Ledgehill Drive, Solon, Ohio 44139; and to Ramesh Shah, Gujarati Association, 6737 Wildwood Trail, Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143.

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

Ayes: Campbell, McCormack, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Marjorie J. Pettus
Clerk of the Board

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