

**LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 15-49**

OPPOSING THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN

WHEREAS, THE United States and the European Union imposed 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 undoubtedly impact the price of oil negatively; and

WHEREAS, the negative impact on the oil price will increase unemployment in eastern New Mexico counties and New Mexico overall; and

WHEREAS, an increase in unemployment will adversely impact household incomes of families residing in Luna 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, Luna County stands with the people, over partisan politics, against terrorism.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Luna County Commissioners states 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 both in New Mexico and throughout the United States, and will generate more funding of terrorism by Iran.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be forwarded to all members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED by the Luna County Board of Commissioners in regular session, September 11, 2015.

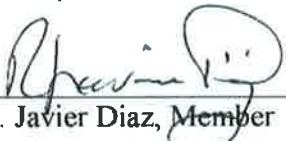
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