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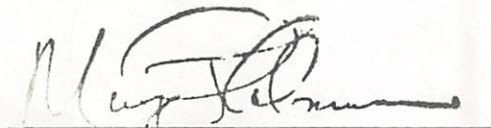
RESOLUTION NO. 88-02

WHEREAS, The Alaska State Commission for Human Rights is cognizant of and guided by the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights; concurrent resolutions by the House and Senate of the U.S. Congress condemning the Islamic Republic of Iran for its brutal treatment of Baha'is and the denial of their human rights; repeated resolutions by the European Parliament, the United Nations and other international legislative bodies condemning the denial of human rights in Iran as the products of unspeakable fanaticism; and published and documented reports on the plight of Baha'is in Iran;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights condemns the denial of human rights to Baha'is in the Islamic Republic of Iran in particular those referred to by the Commission on Human Rights in their October 12, 1987 report to the United Nations General Assembly which related to the right to life, the right to freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, the right to liberty and security of person and to freedom from arbitrary arrest or detention, the right to a fair trial, the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion and to freedom of expression and the right of religious minorities to profess and practice their own religion; calls on its sister international, national and local human rights agencies and organizations to pass similar resolutions and join with the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights in voicing universal abhorrence of the denial of such fundamental human rights to the Baha'i minority by the Islamic Republic of Iran; calls upon Alaska's elected representatives in the U.S. Congress to continue the Congressional outcry against the Islamic Republic of Iran's persecution of members of the Baha'is Faith; calls upon Governor Steve Cowper to impress upon Alaska's foreign trade partners this state's rejection of such violations of human rights; commends the United Nation's General Assembly and the Commission for Human Rights for their past actions regarding the situation of minority groups in the Islamic Republic of Iran, specifically the Baha'is, and encourages continued examination and reports on the issue; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights instructs the Executive Director to transmit this resolution to the Secretary General of the United Nations General Assembly, the President of the United States, Alaska's Congressional delegation, the Governor of Alaska, the Commission on Human Rights, the principal Human Rights agencies and organizations in Alaska, the United States and Canada (including the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights), and national and international organizations for human rights workers.

PASSED unanimously at Ketchikan, Alaska this 26th day of February, 1988.



Morgan P. Solomon, Chairperson