## RESOLUTION NO. R 016 81

WELCOMING HOME MARINE SERGEANT GREGORY A. PERSINGER, OF SEAFORD, ONE OF THE FIFTY-TWO HOSTAGES HELD BY IRAN

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gregory A. Persinger, of Seaford, a member of the Marine Corps of the United States, was one of the fifty-two hostages taken by Iran on November 4, 1979; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Persinger, who celebrated his twenty-third birthday on Christmas Day, 1980, is the son of Lawrence V. and Jackie Persinger of Seaford; and

WHEREAS, through the four hundred and forty-four days of confinement Sergeant Persinger demonstrated the courage and dignity that are characteristic of members of the Marine Corps and of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the example set by Sergeant Persinger provides an inspiration for all of us; and

WHEREAS, as we welcome Sergeant Persinger upon his return let us remember that our prayers have been answered for him and the other hostages,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sussex County Council commends Sergeant Persinger for his courage and dignity under harsh and unusual circumstances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sussex County Council joins with Lawrence V. and Jackie Persinger, his parents, in expressing our thanks that our prayers for his safe return have been answered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sussex County Council, in the name of the people of Sussex County, welcomes home Sergeant Gregory A. Persinger of Seaford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be delivered to Sergeant Gregory A. Persinger.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF RESOLUTION NO. R 016 81 PASSED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUSSEX COUNTY ON THE 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1981.

EMOGENE P. ELLIS

CLERK OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL