

RESOLUTION NO. R 020 89

"HONORING THE AMERICAN FLAG"

WHEREAS, there is no symbol which personifies our patriotism, people and honor more than our American flag, which waves freely above our homes, schools and government buildings and evokes a lump in the throat by all who share her meaning; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 1989, the Supreme Court of the United States made a ruling which cuts at the very core of our nation, a ruling which gives First Amendment protection for protestors who burn American flags at political demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, burning the American flag mocks the nation's veterans, who have poured rivers of blood into our battlefields, left widows and children behind with the lone comfort that their loved ones died for their country and were called home by God in the name of protecting their flag, the national symbol of freedom; and

WHEREAS, our American flag is a strong weave of colors and symbols - red being our blood, white for our purity of heart, sweat and tears given for our country, and blue for the eyes of God which watch over us during the fight to keep the United States free from communism, oppression and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, our national anthem, The Star Spangled Banner, written by Francis Scott Key in Baltimore, September 14, 1814, during the intensity of battle describes, "the rockets red glare/the bombs bursting in air/gave proof through the night/that our flag was still there/oh say does that star spangled banner yet wave/O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave" and the joy of the soldier knowing his country was still free; and

WHEREAS, those who would dare burn the Stars and Stripes have no sense of the sacrifice made by those who have come before, fought on the battlefield or in a Court of Law for the cause in which they believe; and

WHEREAS, to desecrate our American flag is an abomination which raises the wrath of Americans everywhere and the horror against

the few who should dare burn our flag calling it their First Amendment right, while others call it blasphemy,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sussex County Council that we concur with the sentiments set forth above as expressed in House Concurrent Resolution No. 100, as passed by the 135th General Assembly of the State of Delaware; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Sussex County members of the 135th General Assembly of the State of Delaware shall receive copies of this Resolution to show our support of Concurrent Resolution No. 100.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF RESOLUTION NO. R 020 89 PASSED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUSSEX COUNTY ON THE 6TH DAY OF JULY, 1989.


Doris E. Rogers
CLERK OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL