

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE
PLIGHT OF ROBERT LEVINSON AND DEMANDING HIS
SWIFT AND SAFE RETURN TO HIS FAMILY; PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Robert Levinson served as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for twenty-two (22) years and with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration for six (6) years; and

WHEREAS, Robert Levinson rendered valuable public service to this nation before his retirement from the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Christine Levinson reside and raised their children in the City of Coral Springs; and

WHEREAS, Robert Levinson was kidnapped in Iran on March 9, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Robert Levinson's captivity is one of the longest in American history; and

WHEREAS, Robert Levinson's personal health has deteriorated in captivity due to his diabetic condition and the lack of access to proper medication to control that condition; and

WHEREAS, citizens of this great nation have worked tirelessly to acquire signatures on behalf of Robert Levinson to ensure that the Federal Government utilizes all of its diplomatic resources to secure his release and safe return to his family; and

WHEREAS, governmental as well as private organizations are actively working to bring Robert Levinson home; and

WHEREAS, recently the U.S. Government was able to negotiate the release of several U.S. citizens held in Iran; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches joins with the City of Coral Springs and the other municipalities in Broward County, Florida, to request that the U.S. Government continue and double their efforts in obtaining the release of Robert Levinson; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches calls upon the Iranian Government to immediately release Robert Levinson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1. The above-referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Town of Southwest Ranches recognizes the plight of Robert Levinson and demands his swift and safe return to his family.

Section 3. The Town Clerk is authorized to transmit this Resolution to the appropriate Federal and State legislative members, the Governor of the State of Florida, the President of the United States, and to the City of Coral Springs.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest

Ranches, Florida, this 10th day of March, 2016 on a motion by

C/m Breithaupt and seconded by V/m McKay.

Nelson	<u>Absent</u>
McKay	<u>Yes</u>
Breitkreuz	<u>Yes</u>
Fisikelli	<u>Yes</u>
Jablonski	<u>Yes</u>

Ayes	<u>4</u>
Nays	<u>0</u>
Absent	<u>1</u>
Abstaining	<u> </u>

Jeff Nelson
Jeff Nelson, Mayor

Attest: Russell Muñiz
Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:
Keith Poliakoff
Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney