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## Supervisors Call for End to Deaths

Orange County Board of Supervisors, recently joined President Reagan in calling for the end of executions of adherents of the Baha'i Faith by the government of Iran.

In response to a request by Orange County Baha'is, the board unanimously passed a resolution stating: "Now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Orange County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the efforts of President Ronald Reagan, the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs and the World Court, in their attempt to intercede on

behalf of the Baha'is of Iran and to put a stop to further persecution in order to establish peace to all peoples of the world."

Since the Ayatollah Khomeini came to power in 1978, more than 150 Baha'is have been executed by the Khomeini government. Thousands have had their homes confiscated and been thrown out of their jobs.

On May 22, President Reagan sent a plea to the Iranians to withhold

executions of Baha'is which had already been planned. He was ignored, and on June 16, six Baha'i men were hanged.

Two days later, ten women had their lives taken by the gallows. Many were husbands and wives, sons and daughters executed days apart. One woman died alongside her daughter.

Two eighteen-year-old girls died for the "crime" of teaching Baha'i Sunday school classes.

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