



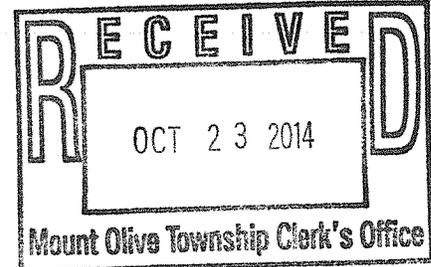
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BOROUGH CLERK

October 20, 2014



Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

At the regular meeting of October 16, 2014, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kinnelon adopted the enclosed resolution urging you to utilize the full powers and authorities of your office to immediately secure the release of United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi from Mexican custody to the United States.

Thank you for your consideration

Very truly yours,

Karen M. Iuele
Acting Borough Clerk

Enclosure
c: As per Resolution

RESOLUTION 10. .14
BOROUGH OF KINNELON
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, 25-year-old United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi served two tours of duty in Afghanistan, and received a meritorious battle promotion to the rank of Sergeant while serving in Afghanistan's Helmand Province with the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment; and,

WHEREAS, following his service to our nation with the United States Marine Corps in Afghanistan, Sgt. Tahmooressi was diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); and,

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi moved to San Diego, California, to receive treatment for PTSD from the United States Veterans Affairs Medical Center – San Diego in La Jolla, California, and while driving on March 31, 2014, he mistakenly crossed the border into Mexico after taking a wrong turn; and,

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi placed a call to 911 to report his error and informed the 911 dispatcher that he had three legally registered guns in his possession because he kept everything he owned in his Ford F-150 truck; and,

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi was arrested at the United States-Mexican border on March 31, 2014, and charged with weapons trafficking, and he is still being held in the El Hongo II Prison in Tecate, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi alleges that abuse during the beginning of his incarceration and poor prison conditions led him to attempt suicide; and

WHEREAS, PTSD can result in hyper-vigilance, memory and cognition lapses, and depression, and Sgt. Tahmooressi's reported actions of aggression and physical self-abuse are likely manifestations of his PTSD; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi's immediate release would allow him to enroll in medical treatment at a clinic specializing in combat-related PTSD in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kinnelon in Morris County, New Jersey, is outraged that a United States Marine Corps veteran who has served two tours of duty in Afghanistan remains wrongfully imprisoned in Mexico;

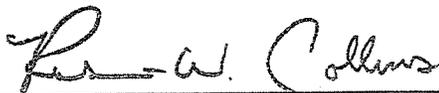
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

- 1.) That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kinnelon strongly urges the President of the United States to utilize the full powers and authorities of his office to immediately secure the release of United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi from Mexican custody to the

United States so Sgt. Tahmooressi can receive the appropriated medical assistance for his medical condition;

- 2.) That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kinnelon calls for a delegation of Congressional and State Department representatives, the Red Cross and American medical professionals to meet with Sgt. Tahmooressi while the details of his immediate release are being negotiated to assess his physical and emotional well-being;
- 3.) That if Sgt. Tahmooressi's immediate release does not occur, the United States impose economic sanctions, including travel restrictions, against the Mexican government.
- 4.) That a copy of the is resolution be sent to the Honorable President of the United States, Barack H. Obama, to Secretary of State John Kerry, to the Speaker of the House, John Boehner, the United States Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid, to the United States Senate Minority Leader, Mitch McConnell, to the Mexican Consulate in Washington, D.C., to all our Federal Representatives, to the Honorable Governor of the State of New Jersey, Christopher J. Christie, to the President of the New Jersey Senate, Stephen M. Sweeney, to the Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly Vincent Prieto, to all our local State Representatives, and to all the other Boards of Chosen Freeholders in the State of New Jersey and to all the municipalities in Morris County, urging them to adopt and distribute similar resolutions.

Dated: October 16, 2014



Robert W. Collins, Mayor

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kinnelon, of Morris County, at a regular meeting held on October 16, 2014.



Karen M. Juele, Acting Borough Clerk