

**DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE AND
DEMOCRACY?
WE NEED YOUR VOICE!**

Living in the United States we sometimes tend to forget our fortune in being able to **VOTE** for the ruling bodies of our **CHOICE** as well as **VOICE** or **PROTEST** when we disagree with our leaders.

As you may or may not have heard, on May 15th, 2005 national **ELECTIONS** were held in **ETHIOPIA**. As preliminary results came in, it was and is evident that the current government (**EPRDF**) is headed for an eminent loss.

On the same day, the ruling government of Ethiopia declared a **STATE OF EMERGENCY** which then would prohibit the residents of the country to demonstrate or protest against anything.

SO WHAT IS THE ISSUE HERE?

The current leader of Ethiopia, Melles Zenawi, has been in control for the last 14 years and is in a position where he does not want to **RELINQUISH POWER** despite the **WILL OF THE PEOPLE**.

The imposed State of Emergency, many believe, is a front for this government to stop anyone from **PROTESTING** the mishandling of election proceedings so as to ensure their victory and extend their term for an additional 5 years.

This forceful hijacking of power is no longer **DEMOCRACY**, but rather **AUTOCRACY**, where a country is governed by a single person with unlimited power.

**WHERE DO WE AS ETHIOPIANS, AFRICANS,
AMERICANS, AND ALL PEACE LOVING PEOPLE COME IN?**

Let us get together and use the **RIGHTS** afforded to us by the **AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC STATUTES** and **SPEAK UP** for Ethiopians and all others **RIGHT TO DEMOCRACY!**

Ethiopia is a **ROLE MODEL** country in **AFRICA** for the pursuit of **DEMOCRACY**.

LET US RISE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

DATE: THURSDAY MAY 26, 2005 6:00 AM TO 1:00 AM

PLACE: STATE DEPARTMENT 22ND & C ST. NW

For INFO visit www.oneethiopia.com and www.protest.net/NorthEast