

SENATE RESOLUTION

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1 WHEREAS, The people of Washington and the people of Iran share a
2 commitment to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and

3 WHEREAS, Many Iranians emigrated to the United States after the
4 fall of the Iranian monarchy in 1979, seeking to make a new life in
5 Washington; and

6 WHEREAS, Washington is home to over 20,000 people with Iranian
7 heritage; and

8 WHEREAS, Iranians and Iranian Americans have enriched communities
9 across Washington through their leadership and contributions in
10 business, medicine, agriculture, academia, engineering, government,
11 and the arts; and

12 WHEREAS, On September 16, 2022, a 22-year-old Iranian woman named
13 Mahsa Amini died while in the custody of Iranian authorities referred
14 to as the "Morality Police" after being detained for "improperly"
15 wearing a hijab; and

16 WHEREAS, The death of Mahsa Amini ignited widespread protests
17 across Iran and elsewhere in the world, with people chanting "Woman,
18 Life, Freedom"; and

19 WHEREAS, According to the United Nations, hundreds of Iranians,
20 including dozens of children have died and many thousands were
21 injured as the Iranian regime continues to viciously crack down on
22 demonstrators that peacefully assemble; and

1 WHEREAS, Demonstrations and vigils in Bellevue and Seattle took
2 place in solidarity with Iranian protesters, to amplify their voices
3 and show support for human rights for Iranian women and the people of
4 Iran;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
6 recognize the values shared by both the people of Washington and the
7 people of Iran who seek to stop the persecution of women and violence
8 against peaceful protesters by the Iranian regime; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate condemn
10 violence against those who peaceably and lawfully assemble to seek a
11 redress of their grievances against their government.

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