

RESOLUTION

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT  
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RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, since 1983, the Islamic Republic of Iran has forced all women and children, regardless of nationality or faith, to wear a headscarf and conceal their hair in public; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Republic of Iran deploys its morality police to enforce compulsory dress codes and routinely dehumanizes, harasses, and assaults women accused of not properly wearing a headscarf; and

WHEREAS, women accused of violating the national dress codes are arrested, forcibly taken to “re-education centers,” fined, and whipped – even tortured and killed; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2022, a 22-year-old Kurdish Iranian woman named Jina Mahsa Amini was arrested by the morality police and was later pronounced dead; and

WHEREAS, hours after Amini’s death, thousands of courageous Iranian women gathered in protest throughout Iran – chanting the Kurdish slogan “Women! Life! Freedom!” and calling for an end to the repression of Iranian women, the abolition of compulsory dress codes, and justice for Amini and her family; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Republic of Iran has imposed strict internet censorship and is using live ammunition and plastic bullets in a brutal crackdown on the protests – killing as many as 76 protesters, injuring over 700 protesters, and imprisoning over 1,000 protesters, including women and children; and

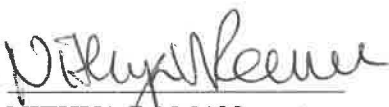
WHEREAS, Iranian women have been at the forefront of social justice movements since the creation of the Islamic Republic of Iran and continue to risk their lives today fighting for their freedom and human rights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is home to the largest Iranian community outside of Iran and Angelenos have organized events throughout the City in support of Iranian protesters;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles stands in solidarity with the women-led human rights movement in Iran and commends them for their bravery and courage in demanding their rights and freedom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles joins the international community in condemning the Islamic Republic of Iran for the killing of Jina Mahsa Amini and the violence unleashed on peaceful Iranian protesters demanding justice and accountability for Amini’s death.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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SECONDED BY:



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