



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WOMEN OF IRAN AS THEY STAND AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN IN ITS PERSECUTION OF WOMEN AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

*WHEREAS, on September 16, 2022, 22-year-old Mahsa Amini died in the custody of the Iranian "morality police" following a 3-day coma due to wounds, which included bone fractures, hemorrhage, and cerebral edema that are consistent with a severe beating, inflicted by the "morality police" for purportedly wearing a hijab improperly; and*

*WHEREAS, on September 17, Iranians gathered in the streets of Tehran to protest the killing of Mahsa Amini; and*

*WHEREAS demonstrations have since spread to more than 80 cities and 20 universities in Iran, where women are removing or burning hijabs, cutting their hair, and dancing in front of Iranian security forces, joined by their fellow Iranian citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, at least 1,200 Iranians have been arrested across Iran according to official sources, and thousands more have been detained and remain in police custody; and*

*WHEREAS, the Government of Iran has a long history of structural and legal discrimination against women, including barriers for women seeking justice against domestic violence and criminal prohibitions against women singing or showing hair in public and studying certain technical subjects; and*

*WHEREAS the Government of Iran approved of "depriving one social right or more" for any woman who posts an unveiled picture of herself on social media, and, in August 2022, approved of enforcing mandatory hijab laws through facial recognition; and*

*WHEREAS, through misogynistic criminal statutes, the Iranian regime for decades has detained and engaged in the ongoing persecution of women and has consistently engaged in various human rights abuses, including unlawful killings, torture, interfering with freedom of speech and peaceful assembly; and*

*WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara condemns the death and detention of Mahsa Amini by the "morality police" and condemns the Iranian Government for their grave violations of fundamental human rights; and*

*WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara encourages continued efforts by the Biden Administration to respond to the protests, including the recent sanctioning of the Iranian morality police, and urges the international community to continue to stand and show solidarity with the ongoing protest in Iran; and*

*WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara confirms our unwavering support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and nonnuclear Republic of Iran where every individual has the right to practice their religion as they see fit and condemns human rights violations and state-sponsored terrorism by the Iranian Government.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian Government's human rights abuses, and pays tribute to the many women, including Mahsa Amini, who gave their lives in pursuit of freedom and human rights.*

*PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18th day of October 2022, by unanimous vote of all members present.*



ATTEST: Monique Soto  
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