

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA ANA CITY COUNCIL DECLARING  
SUPPORT OF THE IRANIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND  
CONDEMNING THE VIOLENCE PERPETRATED BY THE  
GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AGAINST ITS PEOPLE

WHEREAS, the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are endowed to all men and women by their Creator; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances surrounding the death of Mahsa (Zina) Amini on September 16, 2022 are inexcusable, as she was arrested and taken into custody by Iran's Guidance Patrol, or morality police, for allegedly not properly wearing her state-mandated hijab; and

WHEREAS, the tragic death of Mahsa (Zina) Amini has inspired numerous and ongoing protests throughout Iran, resulting in thousands of arrests to extinguish the voices of journalists, media figures, and members of the public who seek to amplify Iranian's desire for personal freedoms, which the government of Iran has now blamed on the United States; and

WHEREAS, over the last 43 years, the government of Iran has committed numerous acts of violence and human rights violations against its own people, particularly against women and students; and

WHEREAS, since Mahsa (Zina) Amini's death alone, the government of Iran has been responsible for the killing of more than 200 civilians; the gassing of those protesting for women, life, and freedom; the brutal crackdown of university students' protests including at Sharif University of Technology; the threatening of sexual violence as a means of silencing opposition; and the burning of Evin Prison that holds political prisoners, intellectuals, reporters, and journalists; and

WHEREAS, the government of Iran has restricted the people's access to internet, phone, and other forms of communication.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana as follows:

**Section 1.** The City of Santa Ana stands with its Iranian-American community members, particularly Iranian-American women, as their relatives and associates are suffering through the current injustices in Iran.

**Section 2.** The City of Santa Ana condemns the violent acts that are being perpetrated against the Iranian people.

**Section 3.** The City of Santa Ana calls upon the government of Iran to end its systemic human rights violations.

**Section 4.** The City of Santa Ana calls upon other governments to join in the support of Iranians, in Iran and abroad, and the condemnation of the government of Iran's violent acts against its own people.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall attest to and certify the vote adopting this Resolution.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2023.

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Valerie Amezcua  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sonia R. Carvalho  
City Attorney

By: John M. Funk  
John M. Funk  
Chief Assistant City Attorney

AYES: Councilmembers \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: Councilmembers \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers \_\_\_\_\_  
NOT PRESENT: Councilmembers \_\_\_\_\_

### **CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY**

I, Jennifer L. Hall, City Clerk, do hereby certify the attached Resolution No. 2023-XXX to be the original resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jennifer L. Hall  
City Clerk  
City of Santa Ana