

SENATE RESOLUTION

8634

By Senators Braun, Trudeau, Nobles, C. Wilson, Warnick, Salomon, Holy, L. Wilson, Rivers, Boehnke, Valdez, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Dhingra, Lovelett, Rolfes, Kauffman, Muzzall, Keiser, Hunt, J. Wilson, McCune, Wagoner, Dozier, Schoesler, Torres, Padden, Gildon, Short, Fortunato, King, and Saldaña

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

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

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

14 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,  
15 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
16 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8634,  
17 adopted by the Senate  
18 April 4, 2023

19 SARAH BANNISTER  
20 Secretary of the Senate