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(Resolution No. 250877)

RESOLUTION

Honoring and Remembering Mahsa Amini on the Third Anniversary of Her Death Under Mysterious Circumstances While in Iranian Custody and Recognizing the Courage of Those Fighting for Women's Rights and Human Freedom in Iran, the Middle East, and Around the World.

WHEREAS, September 16, 2025, marks the third anniversary of the death of Mahsa (Jina) Amini, a 22-year-old Kurdish Iranian woman who died in the custody of Iran's "morality police" after being detained for allegedly violating the country's strict dress code; and

WHEREAS, Mahsa Amini's death under suspicious circumstances sparked nationwide and global protests, igniting a movement led by women and young people under the rallying cry "Woman, Life, Freedom" ("Zan, Zendegi, Azadi" in Persian); and

WHEREAS, The Iranian government's violent crackdown on peaceful demonstrators in the wake of her death has drawn international condemnation, with reports of widespread arrests, censorship, and the use of deadly force against protestors; and

WHEREAS, Despite the risk of harm, countless Iranians, particularly women, continue to stand courageously for justice, freedom of expression, and bodily autonomy, embodying Mahsa Amini's legacy and the enduring power of resistance in the face of oppression; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia, as a City founded on the principles of liberty and human rights, stands in solidarity with the women and people of Iran in their pursuit of equality and justice, and reaffirms its commitment to defending human rights across the globe; and

WHEREAS, Mahsa Amini's story serves as a reminder that the struggle for women's rights and human dignity transcends borders, and that the universal demand for freedom and justice must always be met with support, empathy, and action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Honors and remembers Mahsa (Jina) Amini on the third anniversary of her death and expresses solidarity

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with the women and people of Iran who continue to advocate for equality, justice, and human rights in her memory.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the ninth day of October, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Harrity

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Harrity, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson,

Gauthier, Thomas, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks,

O'Rourke, Driscoll, O'Neill, Squilla, Bass and Ahmad