



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: The death in September of a young Iranian woman, Mahsa Amini, after she was arrested for an alleged violation of Iran's strict dress code for women and detained by government morality police sparked widespread protests in Iran; and

Whereas: As news of her death spread, people began taking part in marches around the world, including in Bellevue, to demand more protection of human rights for women and for all people; and

Whereas: Iranian immigrants and refugees constitute an important part of Bellevue's diverse population; and

Whereas: We urge Iranian authorities to refrain from use of force against peaceful protesters and to investigate serious questions about the arrest and detention of Mahsa Amini; and

Whereas: Bellevue stands with the people of Iran and supports the right of women and girls everywhere to be free from oppression and able to live without fear of violence or persecution.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, mayor of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim Bellevue's support for:

human rights in Iran and everywhere,

and condemn the use of violence to enforce policies that discriminate against women and other people.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynne Robinson".

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue