



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: the City of Bellevue affirms that human rights are universal and transcend borders; and

Whereas: the people of Iran are courageously taking to the streets to advocate for economic opportunity, human rights, dignity and democratic freedom; and

Whereas: reports indicate that protests have been met with violence, repression, civilian deaths and restrictions on access to information and communication; and

Whereas: Iranian immigrants and refugees are an important part of Bellevue's diverse community and are deeply affected by events impacting their families, friends and loved ones; and

Whereas: the City of Bellevue condemns the use of force against peaceful protesters and supports access to free expression, open information, and uncensored communication as fundamental human rights; and

Whereas: thousands of community members have gathered in downtown Bellevue to peacefully demonstrate in solidarity with the people of Iran and to affirm their support for human rights; and

Whereas: Bellevue stands in support of human rights and dignity for the people of Iran.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, 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 suppress the ability to peacefully demonstrate for human rights.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue