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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR MAHSA AMINI'S BIRTHDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, AS THE DAY OF "WOMAN, LIFE, FREEDOM"

WHEREAS, Throughout history, women have been disenfranchised, marginalized, and oppressed, and throughout history, brave women have fought and died to oppose their second-class status and to gain their liberation from patriarchy and entrenched male supremacy; *and*

WHEREAS, As of today, many Muslim women, and women of all beliefs throughout the world have their freedoms restricted, via limitations placed upon their careers, lack of educational opportunities, lack of bodily autonomy or expression; *and*

WHEREAS, Mahsa Amini died in the custody of the Iranian state's "morality police" after her arrest for allegedly mis-wearing her hijab. Her death has sparked mass protests throughout Iran, leading to many more women being detained, injured, or killed while voicing their right to life and freedom; *and*

WHEREAS, Women across Iran and around the world have coined the phrase "Woman, Life, Freedom" as an expression of solidarity and as a slogan to represent their demands for justice from the Iranian government; *and*

WHEREAS, The restrictions on how women dress is a violation of women's rights. It is a tool used by governments to oppress and demoralize women, and in nations such as Iran, it can be used as an excuse to imprison and possibly murder women; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston strives to be a bastion of freedom and democracy. Hence, as the legislative body of Boston, we should give voice to the best elements of our Commonwealth. So it is the responsibility of this body to call for the freedom and rights of the women of Iran and all women across the world; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: The City of Boston recognizes September 23rd, in honor of Mahsa Amini and shall be known as the Day of "Woman, Life, Freedom."

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