

By Senator Powell

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
urging Congress to stand in support of the fight for
freedom of the people of Iran.

WHEREAS, the people of Iran have the right to live in a
safe, democratic country that is free of religious persecution
and extremism, and

WHEREAS, the heroism displayed by the people of Iran is
inspirational, and those protesting on the streets deserve our
full attention and support as they call for women, life, and
freedom, and

WHEREAS, the people of Iran are calling for a new
government that is democratically elected, free, and where the
people have the right to self-determination, and

WHEREAS, according to the United States-based human rights
monitor Human Rights Activists News Agency, at least 469 people,
including 63 children and 32 women, have been killed since
demonstrations began in Iran on September 17, 2022, and
thousands of people have been arrested, and

WHEREAS, the protests began after the brutal murder of
Mahsa "Jina" Amini by the morality police for not wearing her
hijab correctly, and

WHEREAS, the activism of millions worldwide has resulted in
the Islamic Republic of Iran's removal from the United Nations
Women's Commission, and an independent investigation has been
launched by the United Nations into the ongoing deadly violence
against protesters in Iran, and

WHEREAS, the United States is encouraged to stop all

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30 discussions on the Iran nuclear agreement, formally known as the
31 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, to continue to sanction
32 members of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic
33 Revolutionary Guard Corps, and to continue to amplify the voices
34 and the will of the people of Iran by maintaining Internet
35 access so that Iranians may continue to expose the injustices of
36 their daily lives, and

37 WHEREAS, federal representatives should continue to push
38 the United Nations' investigative mechanism for crimes against
39 humanity committed by Iran and demand the end of unlawful
40 imprisonment and execution in Iran, and

41 WHEREAS, as the fearless people of Iran continue to take to
42 the streets, the call for unity among all Americans in support
43 of the people of Iran should continue to be amplified, NOW,
44 THEREFORE,

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46 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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48 That the Congress of the United States is urged to stand in
49 support of the fight for freedom of the people of Iran.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the Secretary of State
51 dispatch copies of this memorial to the President of the United
52 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
53 of the United States House of Representatives, and each member
54 of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.