



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the women-led protests in Iran have turned into a revolution for regime change, for human rights especially women's and children's rights, gender equity, economic justice, and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, the women of Iran are designated as Times Magazine Heroes of the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of Iranian Americans that currently reside in Colorado with strong personal and cultural ties to Iran; and

WHEREAS, the women and men of Iran are in need of support in their plight for a secular democracy; and

WHEREAS, Iranian Americans of and Iranians living in Colorado, as well as all global citizens are connected to the people and culture of the ancient land of Iran via tangible and intangible world heritage assets; and

WHEREAS, Iranians observe the Winter Solstice (Yalda), the rebirth of Mitra (love and light), on December 20th and 21st, celebrating the victory of light and wisdom over the shadow of ignorance, honoring, with community and poetry, an intangible world heritage of humanity as recently recognized by UNICEF.

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim December as

WOMAN LIFE FREEDOM MONTH as well as YALDA SEASON

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of December, 2022



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

*Jared Polis
Governor*