

PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN IRAN

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, signed on December 10 1948, by the members of the United Nations, asserts recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2022 Mahsa Amini, A 22-year-old woman, was arrested by the Islamic Republic of Iran's "morality police" for allegedly wearing her hijab improperly in violation of Iran's compulsory dress codes and subsequently died as a result of police brutality; and

WHEREAS, Mahsa Amini's death sparked the first Iranian female-led revolution of our time, involving thousands of Iranian civilians, including teenagers, students, men and women of all ages, taking to the streets and university campuses to protest the brutality and repression of the Iranian regime against its citizens; and

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

WHEREAS, Iranian authorities are using poison attacks at schools across the country to create fear and repress schoolgirls who have played a leading role in the 'Women, Life, Freedom' movement in Iran; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of protesters have been arrested and more than 500 peaceful protesters have been killed, including 71 children since September 2022; and

WHEREAS, across the world, thousands of marchers continue to demonstrate their support to the people of Iran and send a message that their bravery in risking their lives to dismantle the status quo is not in vain; and

WHEREAS, the local Davis Iranian Group regularly protests in support of the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement, provides a weekly informational booth at the Davis Farmers Market and are working towards a northern California Bridges of Unity project, to bring awareness to the efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis stands in support of human rights of the people of Iran, including the immediate cessation of human rights abuse on the demonstrators in Iran and is in solidarity with the women and people of Iran.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Davis City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Davis, on this day of the Iranian New Year, do hereby proclaim support of human rights and women's rights and stand in solidarity with the Iranian community, both in Davis and Iran.

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