



Resolution R-24-22

The University of Alabama

27th Senate 2022-2023

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Endorsements: Iranian Student Association

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN IRAN AND TO
SUPPORT IRANIAN STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
ALABAMA**

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.

WHEREAS, On September 13th, 2022, Mahsa Amini was arrested by Iran’s “morality police” due to their claim that Amini violated Iran’s strict dress code for women; and

WHEREAS, On September 16th, 2022, Mahsa Amini died in police custody due to being beaten up and subsequently falling into a coma; and

WHEREAS, The Iranian government refused to investigate the case of Mahsa Amini’s death and refused to punish any and all entities responsible for Amini’s death; and

WHEREAS, Women in Iran are forced to wear hijabs in public; and

WHEREAS, the Amnesty International Report on the state of human rights in Iran during 2020/21 states that “women, as well as ethnic and religious minorities, faced entrenched discrimination as well as violence;” and

WHEREAS, The Iranian Student Association organized a protest joined by students and faculty on September 27th 2022 at the UA Student Center Plaza, for the express purpose on raising

awareness of the death of Mahsa Amini and other victims of human rights abuses occurring in Iran; and

WHEREAS, Iranian women and other protestors are not guaranteed their own safety in criticizing the government of Iran and would benefit on external support.

THEREFORE, *be it RESOLVED*, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association commends the Iranian Student Association for its protest at the UA Student Center Plaza on the date of Tuesday, September 27th, 2022.

Be it further resolved, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association stands in solidarity with all UA Iranian students and UA faculty who have family and friends facing human rights abuses in Iran.

Be it further resolved, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association stands in solidarity for the many women and other peoples in Iran that are subject to human rights abuses.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Madeline Martin, SGA President; Angel Navarez-Lugo, Advisor; *The Crimson White*; and others as may deemed necessary at a later date.