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**SS-F22-1, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Support and
Solidarity with Iranian Women and University Communities
Manifested in “Woman, Life, Freedom.”**

At its meeting of October 10, 2022, the Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Julia Curry.

WHEREAS: The death of Mahsa Zhina Amini, the 22-year-old Kurdish-Iranian woman who was brutally beaten and later died at the hands of Iran’s morality police, sparked mobilizations in expression of solidarity by courageous Iranian Women and Girls who raised their voices for human rights and freedom in their rallying cry, “Woman, Life, Freedom;” and

WHEREAS: The public outcry and peaceful protests have been met with violence by the state with over one hundred people now killed in the protest and

WHEREAS: CNN [reported](#) that students at Sharif University in Tehran were violently attacked and trapped by Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps, because they organized walkouts and joined the protests; and

WHEREAS: San José State University is a university that honors social justice, equality, inclusion, and respect of the rights of women and students; and

WHEREAS: The Iranian diaspora has been present in multiple regions of North America and San José, and the greater Silicon Valley is home to the second largest community of Iranian and Iranian Americans in California with one of the largest populations outside of Iran including Iranian International Students and Scholars; and

WHEREAS: The SJSU campus supports various diasporic and native non-white groups and strives to achieve the ideal of a caring community with institutional commitments to equity, diversity, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS: San José State University is home to Iranian and Iranian American communities which are diverse in racial and ethnic representation, religious affiliation, generation in the U.S., and linguistic and cultural heritage; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED: That the SJSU community stands in solidarity with the global movement for women’s rights and with the [people in Iran](#), and especially with the women and girls who raise their voices with courage in demand of human rights, justice, and freedom; and be it further

RESOLVED: That SJSU honors the students throughout Iran’s universities and schools, as well as the scholars, journalists, and nations who are involved in the movement for the human rights of all citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the SJSU Academic Senate stands with the local Iranian Diaspora communities in support of their well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED: That SJSU strongly condemns the violent crackdowns at universities throughout Iran; and be it finally

RESOLVED: That we at SJSU support domestic and overseas Iranian students and women, and the movement for “***Woman, Life, Freedom.***”