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2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

September 29, 2023 - Introduced by Senators Knodl, Jacque and Spreitzer, cosponsored by Representatives Melotik, Armstrong, Murphy, O'Connor and Tranel. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

| 1 | Relating to: supporting the people of Iran in their quest for a democratic |
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| 2 | government. |
| 3 | Whereas, the people of Iran have bravely protested for their fundamental rights |
| 4 | and freedoms for years, and the Iranian regime has suppressed such protests with |
| 5 | repressive forces, arresting thousands and killing hundreds; and |
| 6 | Whereas, since September 2022, protests have erupted in at least 100 cities |
| 7 | across Iran in response to the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Kurdish Iranian |
| 8 | woman who was arrested by morality police for a violation of Iran's mandatory dress |
| 9 | code; and |
| 10 | Whereas, these protests are rooted in more than four decades of organized |
| 11 | resistance against the Iranian dictatorship and are led by women who have endured |
| 12 | torture, sexual and gender-based violence, and death; and |
| 13 | Whereas, for years, the Iranian regime has also arbitrarily and brutally |
| 14 | suppressed ethnic and religious minorities—including Iranian Kurds, Baluchis, |

Arabs, Christians, Jews, Baha'is, Zoroastrians, and Sunni Muslims—depriving them of their fundamental human rights, and in many cases executing them; and

Whereas, senior Iranian government, military, judicial, and security officials have for decades ordered and committed egregious human rights violations and acts of terror against Iranian citizens; and

Whereas, the Iranian people are now rejecting monarchic dictatorship and religious tyranny, and demanding social freedom and political change, including the universal right to vote, free elections, a market economy, a foreign policy based on peaceful coexistence, and gender, religious, and ethnic equality as specified in the opposition leader Maryam Rajavi's 10-point plan for the future of Iran; and

Whereas, the similarity in slogans and tactics used by protestors nationwide reflect the overarching demands of the Iranian people and point to the organized nature of the protests; and

Whereas, Wisconsinites support the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and nonnuclear Republic of Iran; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature condemns past and present violations of human rights and state-sponsored terrorism by the Iranian government and stands in solidarity with the people of Iran in their quest for a democratic and secular republic government that respects the rights and dignity of all individuals.

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