

Senate Bill

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Introduced by: Senator Prashant Shah

Proposed by: Senator Prashant Shah and Senator Shubhashree Shahi

Whereas: The Student Government Association (SGA) of Ramapo College of New Jersey is the liaison body to the Faculty, Staff, Administration, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Governors of Ramapo College of New Jersey;

Whereas: The Ramapo College Values Statement declares that we, as Ramapo College community members, are responsible for the world as global citizens;

Whereas: The Ramapo College Mission Statement declares that we promote diversity, inclusiveness, sustainability, student engagement, and community involvement;

Whereas: The unrest in Iran that was started by the unjust murder of Mahsa Amini by the morality police for breaching the Islamic Hijaab code has affected members of our student body, faculty, and administration;

Whereas: The Islamic regime has been actively using violence against protestors who rose in support of Mahsa Amini;

Whereas: Hundreds of protestors have been killed with bullets, arrested in ambulances, and beaten with batons including countless innocents ranging from children to adults;

Whereas: Women have led the protests to the streets with the slogan “Women, Life, Freedom” to oppose the repressive Islamic Regime for their denial of freedom;

Whereas: Fearless, innocent women are being sent to psychological re-education centers, experiencing maltreatment; sexual and physical abuse, and many being killed;

Whereas: The coercive acts of the Islamic Regime in Iran have become a human rights issue and need to be condemned;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA stands in solidarity with the people of Iran and recognizes the people who lost their lives to the Islamic Regime fighting for their democratic rights;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA shall announce that it stands in solidarity with the people of Iran in one upcoming General Meeting and condemns the Islamic Regime for its violations of human rights;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA encourages that members of our community engage in dialogue that expresses our open support towards Iran;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA recognizes each person's right to protest without major interference from governmental authorities and supports the Iranian members of our Ramapo College community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA, in consultation with appropriate offices which could include but are not limited to Roukema, EDIC, Office of the President, and more, will send out a collegewide email in acknowledgment of the tragedies in Iran. The email may consist of resources, articles, and links for the college campus to learn about the situation in Iran to become better global citizens.

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