



2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

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AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** supporting the people of Iran in their quest for a democratic
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,

