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United Faculty of Florida and Anna Eskamani Stand in Solidarity with the People of Iran

The United Faculty of Florida (UFF) and Florida House Rep. Anna Eskamani stand in solidarity with the people of Iran bravely protesting regime brutality and demanding change. Since the tragic death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian woman reportedly beaten and murdered in the custody of Islamic Republic moral police, peaceful protests have erupted across the country by people demanding basic human rights that we believe should be granted to everyone. Women and young people in Iran are leading the charge for justice, universal equality and parity among genders, inspiring the world with their bravery and strength, and are being met with sheer brutality and violence.

The vicious, disproportionate response of the government has been documented through images surfacing across the world, despite the Iranian regime's attempts to block communication channels. There have been more than 100 confirmed deaths, hundreds more injured, and thousands of Iranians arrested and brutalized without access to any due process.

These attacks have spread to universities across the country, where security forces have reportedly interrupted peaceful protests, used force against students and held them against their will. Unfortunately, these acts of violence and intimidation are spreading across campuses, with students and educators reportedly being beaten and forcefully taken to undisclosed locations.

At UFF, we believe all people, including members of the higher education community abroad, deserve the universal rights of freedom of expression, identity, and the ability to engage in thoughtful discourse without fear of harassment, intimidation and violence. The citizens of Iran are inspiring the world

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with their bravery and desire for freedom and equality, and we stand with them in their pursuit of a free and just future.

In solidarity,

United Faculty of Florida

Anna Eskamani, Florida House of Representatives

To support the ongoing efforts of the citizens of Iran and their members of the higher education community, please see information about the below organizations and additional educational resources:

Iran Human Rights Watch: <https://iranhr.net/en/articles/5517/>

Iranian American Women's Foundation: <https://www.iawfoundation.org/>

United for Iran: <https://united4iran.org/en/>

New York Times lesson plan resources:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/09/29/learning/lesson-plans/lesson-plan-why-iranians-are-protesting.html>