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Arizona House of Representatives

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Arizona House of Representatives Honors People of Iran & Fight of Freedom

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Members of the Arizona House of Representatives stood today in support of the brave people of Iran as they fight for freedom from the oppressive Iranian Islamic Republic. A legislative proclamation, sponsored by State Representatives David Cook and Laura Terech, was read aloud in the House Chamber, echoing the voice of those fighting for freedom.

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Whereas, the people of Iran have been living under a corrupt and brutal dictatorship ("the Regime") for almost a half century; and the Regime routinely arrests, imprisons and sentences protesters to death after secret sham trials without the right to legal counsel and without due process of law; and

Whereas, the Regime controls the people of Iran and intrudes in their private lives, including freedom of dress, freedom to own property, freedom to receive an education, freedom to earn a living and freedom to dance, sing and listen to music; and

Whereas, the people of Iran have been in a constant state of protest for the last four months seeking human rights, freedom and a democratic system of government; and the women of Iran are at the forefront of this movement for human rights, freedom and democracy; and the protesters in the streets of Iran are shouting "Woman, life, freedom!" "Down with the dictators" and "Our enemy is here, the Regime lies when it blames America"; and

Whereas, the Regime responds to the peaceful demands of its own people with military force, killing hundreds of protesters in the process; and the Regime responds by arresting journalists who report on the protests, lawyers who attempt to represent the protesters and doctors and nurses who provide lifesaving medical care to the protesters; and

Whereas, the Regime is a known state sponsor of terror in the Middle East and beyond that is currently supplying Russia with military drones used to kill Ukrainian civilians in the unjust and unlawful Russian war on Ukraine.

Therefore, Representatives David Cook and Representative Laura Terech invite the Members of the Arizona House of Representatives, to join them in recognizing the brave Iranian protesters seeking their inalienable human rights, freedoms and a democratic system of government; In condemning Regime's violent killings and use of mass arrests, torture, forced confessions, show trials and executions of thousands of peaceful protestors; In supporting a human rights-focused foreign policy toward Iran that ensures accountability for the Regime's crimes and supports the Iranian people's quest for self-determination; and in echoing the freedom call of the people of Iran: "Woman, life, freedom!"

A copy of the official proclamation is attached.

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State of Arizona



Legislative Proclamation

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Dated this 19th day of January 2023



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Representative David Cook
Legislative District 7

Handwritten signature of Laura Terech in blue ink.

Representative Laura Terech
Legislative District 4