**AFT 1931 Resolution in Support “Women, Life, Freedom”**

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**Whereas,** theAFT Guild recognizes that achieving equity requires the dismantling of institutional racism, sexism, and homophobia as well as societal & economic barriers facing students and all workers in our society.

**Whereas,** violence against women is common in our society and arises from sexism and misogyny. Almost 1 in 3 women - estimate 736 million women - worldwide have been subjected to physical and/or sexual violence at least once in their life. In 2020 81,000 women and girls were killed worldwide equating to a woman or girl being killed every 11 minutes.[[1]](#footnote-1)\*

**Whereas,** the United Nations General Assembly has designated November 25 as the “International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women” to raise global awareness of rape, domestic violence, and all forms of violence against women.

**Whereas,** the Kurdish slogan “Women, Life, Freedom” was adopted by several European countries on the first “International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.”

**Whereas,** the brutal murder of Mahsa Amini on September 16, 2022, by her own government for noncompliance with an unjust law has ignited protests in Iran that have been violently suppressed by the Iranian government, including the murder of citizens and imprisonment of so many more.

**Whereas,** the shocking events unfolding in Iran have fueled global protests and cries of “Women, Life, Freedom” all over the world including women around the world cutting their hair in solidarity with the women of Iran.

**Whereas,** the laws of Iran have been used to prohibit full participation of women as citizens, and have encouraged the oppression of and violence against women including requiring women to be accompanied at all time in public, the requirement of specific clothing in public, death by stoning for adultery, and legal marrying age for women being nine years old. Mahsa Amini’s brutal murder was the final straw in a long history of oppression, subjugation, and violence.

**Resolved,** that the AFT Guild reaffirms that women’s rights are human rights and that an injury to one is an injury to all.

**Resolved,** that the AFT Guild stands with our sisters in Iran and women of all faiths and all over the world as we proudly proclaim: “Women, Life, Freedom.”  **زن زندگی آزادی**

**Resolved**, that the AFT Guild stands with our fellow union members who are re-traumatized as the events unravel in Iran who seek the recognition of their struggles as they are confronted with the ongoing violence.

**Resolved,** that the AFT Guild calls upon its membership to adopt similar commitments and stand in solidarity with those fighting for human rights for all.

1. \* <https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/facts-and-figures> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)