

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2019-1047**

**TITLE: Resolution Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Dance Marathon at the University of Florida**

**AUTHORS: Dance Marathon Executive Director Madison Grasty, Student Body President-Elect Michael Murphy, Senator Branden Pearson, Senator Julia Cordover**

**SPONSORS: Bridges Minority Outreach Program Agency Head Omarley Spence, Health Affairs Executive Secretary Isabella Alfonso, Senate President Libby Shaw, Senate President Pro-Tempore Emily Dunson, Rules & Ethics Chairwoman Abby Morris, Information & Communication Chairwoman Meryl Jones, Senator Brady Alexander, Senator Sophia Bond, Senator Michelle Fernandez-Valle, Senator Kyle Garner, Senator Connor Haffey, Senator Gabriela Hernandez, Senator Kyle Levy, Senator Patrick Prieto, Senator Stephen Singleton, Senator Ashlyn Weninger, Senator Audrey Wikan, Senator Michelle Fernandez-Valle**

**WHEREAS,** Dance Marathon at the University of Florida is an annual 26.2-hour event benefiting the patients of UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital in Gainesville, Florida; and,

**WHEREAS,** Dance Marathon at the University of Florida is one of five founding Dance Marathon programs in the nation and began in 1995; and,

**WHEREAS,** Dance Marathon at the University of Florida has raised more than \$21.5 million since 1995; and,

**WHEREAS,** of the funds raised, “48% goes to research, 10% to education, and 42% to patient care” and 100% goes to UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital; and,

**WHEREAS,** in 2019, 6,020 students participated in Dance Marathon at the University of Florida as an Overall Director, Captain, Emerging Leader, Ambassador, FTKrew, or Dancer; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 825 student dancers remained standing for 26.2-hours during Dance Marathon to show their commitment to and support for miracle families receiving care at UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital; and,

**WHEREAS,** Dance Marathon at the University of Florida is the most successful student-run philanthropies in the southeastern United States; and,

**WHEREAS,** Dance Marathon at the University of Florida supports 74 miracle families who have received lifesaving care from UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital; and,

**WHEREAS,** Dance Marathon at the University of Florida celebrated their 25th Anniversary by raising a record-breaking \$3.23 million; then

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate applauds the outstanding efforts of Dance Marathon at the University of Florida in raising \$3.23 million for UF Health Shands Children's Hospital to celebrate Dance Marathon's 25th Anniversary.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the integral role Dance Marathon at the University of Florida has played in creating miracles at UF Health Shands Children's Hospital over the past twenty-five years.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages past, present, and future students to continue to support Dance Marathon at the University of Florida and UF Health Shands Children's Hospital.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the University of Florida President W. Kent Fuchs, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. David Parrott, Assistant Vice President for Student Engagement Nancy Chrystal-Green, Dance Marathon Executive Director Madison Grasty, and the Independent Florida Alligator Editorial Board.*