

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2019-1102**

**TITLE: Resolution Commemorating the University of Florida Ranking No.7 Among Public Universities**

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**SPONSOR(S): Senate President Emily Dunson, Senator Isabella Garcia, Senator Shawn Zimmer, Senator Sahil Patel, Senator Julia Cordover, Senator Tyler Kendrick, Senator Stephen Singleton, Gator Caucus Leader Gabbi Hernandez, Senator Thelwell Lloyd, Senator Raisa Bhuiyan, and Inspire Caucus Leader Ben Lima**

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida is a land-grant, sea-grant, and space-grant public research university founded in 1853; and,

**WHEREAS**, University of Florida President-Emeritus Bernie Machen launched the UF Preeminence Plan in 2013 [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, then-Governor Rick Scott signed a law designating the University of Florida as a preeminent institution and challenged the university to become a top-10 public institution [2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, The US News and World Report ranks national universities in six categories, including outcomes, faculty resources, expert opinion, financial resources, student excellence, and alumni giving; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida became the first institution in the state of Florida to be recognized as a Top-10 Public Research University by the US News and World Report in 2017 [2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University has risen through the rankings of Public Research Universities for three consecutive years, and is now ranked Number 7, the highest-ranked university in Florida and the only Florida university in the top-10 [3][4]; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the ranking of the University of Florida and commemorates the ascension of the University in this ranking.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate expresses gratitude toward every past and present member of the Gator Nation for their role in making the University the prestigious institution it is today.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the efforts of the University of Florida to become a Top 5 Public Research University.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University President W. Kent Fuchs, Provost Joseph Glover, Vice President of Advancement Tom J. Mitchell, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Winfred Phillips, and the University of Florida Board of Trustees.*

[1] <https://president.ufl.edu/about/past-presidents/machen/>

[2] <https://news.ufl.edu/articles/2017/09/uf-first-in-florida-to-crack-us-news-list-of-top-10-best-public-universities.html>

[3] <https://news.ufl.edu/2019/09/uf-is-no-7/>

[4] <https://www.gainesville.com/news/20190909/uf-reaches-no-7-among-top-public-schools>