

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2020-1004

TITLE: Resolution Supporting Green Dot Bystander Intervention

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SPONSOR(S): Budget & Appropriations Chairman Cooper Brown, Senator Kevin Marti, Senator Matthew Diaz, Gator Caucus Leader Gabbi Hernandez, Senator Tyler Kendrick, Senator Faith Maniti, Senator David Kays

WHEREAS, Green Dot Bystander Intervention is a prevention program addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking; and,

WHEREAS, acts of violence interfere with the success of students at the University of Florida and create an unsafe campus environment; and,

WHEREAS, almost half of UF students reported experiencing at least one type of harassment in a 2019 survey [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Green Dot works to prevent these acts of violence by mobilizing a force of engaged and proactive bystanders utilizing proactive behaviors and reactive interventions; and,

WHEREAS, it must be a goal to establish an intolerance of violence at the University of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Recreational Sports, GatorWell, and Student Government Internal Affairs have developed a series of bystander training courses for students to become active leaders in preventing acts of violence; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the effect acts of violence have on the campus community.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate commends the work of the Department of Recreational Sports, GatorWell, and Student Government Internal Affairs in working to prevent these acts of violence.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate expresses its full support for the Green Dot Bystander Intervention program.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President W. Kent Fuchs, Vice President of Student Affairs D'Andra Mull, GatorWell Director for Fitness And Wellness Darcie Burde, and Internal Affairs Agency Head John R. Molm.

[1] <https://news.ufl.edu/2019/10/campus-climate-results/>