

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2020-1018**

**TITLE: Resolution Supporting Frontline Workers as We Continue To Fight Coronavirus**

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**SPONSORS: Senate President Kyle Garner, Senate President Pro-Tempore Cooper Brown, Majority Party Leader Gabi Zlatanoff, Minority Party Leader Colin Solomon, Chairwoman Feraby Hoffman, Chairman Seth Longland, Senator Kevin Marti, Senator Elizabeth Hartzog, Senator Sydney White, Senator Alyssa Stern, Senator Kyle Scott, and Lee-Ann Tanza**

**WHEREAS**, the United States' total number of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases with excess of 1,300,000, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the Florida Department of Health, the State of Florida is currently experiencing more than 41,000 positive cases of COVID-19, resulting in almost 2,000 deaths [2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to a report released by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention on April 17th, 2020, nearly 10,000 healthcare personnel in the United States have tested positive for COVID-19 and there have been 27 reported healthcare worker deaths [3]; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to a release by Fire Rescue 1, a total of 32 United States firefighters have lost their lives to COVID-19[4]; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to a release by Police One, at least 50 American police officers and other law enforcement personnel have died due to Coronavirus-related complications [5]; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to a release by The United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) International Union, there have been more than 30 COVID-19 related deaths amongst the membership of the UFCW, and nearly 3,000 UFCW food and grocery workers have been directly impacted by COVID-19 [6]; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Government Senate recognizes the sacrifice of those fighting COVID-19 on the front lines in the United States, including healthcare personnel, first responders, and grocery workers.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Government Senate encourages the student body to abide by all necessary precautions as stated by the University of Florida regarding the COVID-19 pandemic [7].

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Government Senate encourages the student body to take supportive action to protect, advocate for and safeguard the lives of frontline workers in the United States.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to President W. Kent Fuchs, Student Body President Trevor Pope, UF Senior Vice President for Health Affairs Dr. David R Nelson, Dean of Students Heather White, Associate Dean of Students Will Atkins, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. D'Andra Mull, Senior Director, Dean of the UF College of Medicine Dr. Joseph A. Tyndall, Dean of UF College of Nursing Dr. Anna M. McDaniel, Health Affairs Cabinet Director Nandini Goel, and Health Affairs Executive Secretary Brady Alexander.*

[1] <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>

[2] <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/96dd742462124fa0b38ddedb9b25e429>

[3] [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6915e6.htm?deliveryName=USCDC\\_425-DM25898](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6915e6.htm?deliveryName=USCDC_425-DM25898)

[4] <https://www.firerescue1.com/coronavirus-covid-19/articles/covid-19-firefighter-deaths-la0l8Hf2UzjRdTPC/>

[5] <https://www.policeone.com/coronavirus-covid-19/articles/covid-19-law-enforcement-deaths-3fikdPnVffq55iHU/>

[6] <http://www.ufcw.org/press/page/2/>

[7] <https://coronavirus.ufhealth.org>