

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2021-1046**

**TITLE: Resolution Addressing the Need for a Crosswalk Across University Avenue from 26th Street**

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**WHEREAS**, pedestrian safety is now and will always be an important effort for the University of Florida and Gainesville community; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is crucial to recognize and implement changes to ensure the continued protection of students and local residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, a blindspot exists at the intersection of 26th Street and University Avenue that puts drivers and pedestrians in harm's way; and,

**WHEREAS**, students and members of the Gainesville community often need to cross the busy road at that location to utilize the bus stop and access Levin College of Law and other areas of campus; and,

**WHEREAS**, flashing pedestrian lights have been proven to be an effective way to capture the attention of oncoming traffic for pedestrians to cross and would be a great addition to the intersection; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the need to continue to expand efforts of traffic safety within the Gainesville community;

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the installation of flashing solar-powered pedestrian signs at the crosswalk to safely and efficiently indicate pedestrians crossing University Avenue during peak traffic times [1]; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate pledges its continued support for pedestrian safety through dedication to minimizing accidents and increasing protective measures.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to President W. Kent Fuchs, Associate Vice President & Dean of Students Heather White, UF Senior Vice President and Chief Operating, Student Body President Cooper Brown, Nightlife Navigator Agency Head Andrew Goodwin, Department Head for City of Gainesville Public Works Philip Mann, City Manager Lee Feldman, Mayor Lauren Poe, Dean of Students Doctor Heather White, University of Florida Senior Director of Operations Gregg Clarke*

[1] <https://sg.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-1002-School-Zone-Safety-Act.pdf>