

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2022-1027

TITLE: Student Body Resolution Addressing the Need for 24/7 Access to Emergency Contraception on the University of Florida Campus

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WHEREAS, the US Supreme Court's Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Services (2022) found there is no constitutional right to an abortion on a 5-4 vote on June 24, 2022 [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed HB 5, the Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality Act, which prohibits abortion after 15 weeks of gestation on April 14, 2022 [2]; and,

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration approved the use of emergency contraception with no age restrictions on June 20, 2013 [3][4]; and,

WHEREAS, emergency contraception when taken as directed, works best as soon as possible, with decreasing efficacy after 72 hours after unprotected sex or failure of primary birth control method(s) [5]; and,

WHEREAS, optimal emergency contraception use should occur 12 hours after unprotected sex or failure of primary birth control method(s), with 95% effectiveness within 24 hours [6]; and,

WHEREAS, UF Student Health Care Center Infirmary sells emergency contraception through the UF Student Health Care Center Pharmacy to UF Students for \$10 [7]; and,

WHEREAS, UF Student Health Care Center Infirmary and Pharmacy are closed from Fridays at 5 PM to Sundays at 12 PM for a total of 43 hours during Fall and Spring Semesters, and closed from Fridays at 4:30 PM to Mondays at 8 AM during for a total of 64 hours during Summer C Semester [8]; and,

WHEREAS, UF Student Health Care Center Infirmary and Pharmacy are closed during University Holidays and has reduced hours preceding University Holidays [9]; and,

WHEREAS, 18.7% of sexually-active respondents in the 2016 Healthy Gators Student Survey of UF undergraduate students report that they or their partner had used emergency contraception in the last 12 months [10]; and,

WHEREAS, attempts to bring emergency contraception to a vending machine on UF Campus occurred as recently as 2018, with National Women’s Liberation Gainesville Chapter spearheading this effort [11]; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Texas at Austin recently passed a resolution supporting a 24-hour emergency contraception vending machine initiative on campus [12]; and,

WHEREAS, in 2012, Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania was likely the first college or university to dispense emergency contraception in a vending machine [15]; and,

WHEREAS, Newell Hall has already participated in conversations discussing the likelihood of an emergency contraceptive vending machine being housed in their facility to the extent of encouraging a Newell Student Advisory Board meeting pertaining to this idea [16]; and,

WHEREAS, Turlington Plaza Breezeway, McCarty Breezeway, and The Hub Outside Awning already house vending machines stocking drinks, snacks, and PPE [17]; and,

WHEREAS, campus vending machines sell individually-wrapped masks for \$1.50 and 4 oz bottles of hand sanitizer for \$3.50 to fulfill the public health need that is mitigating the Covid-19 Pandemic [17]; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Student Senate has advocated for the “continuation of resources and information regarding sexual and reproductive health” in Student Senate Bill 2022-1023 [18]; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate believes that emergency contraception is a critical resource promoting reproductive health for University of Florida students, staff, faculty, and residents; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the stocking of emergency contraception at a health and wellness vending machine located on the University of Florida Campus that is accessible to students 24/7; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate calls on University of Florida Business Services to work with campus vending partner Canteen in stocking emergency contraception at a health and wellness vending machine in the historic core of campus, such as Newell Hall, or the following outdoor vending machines at Turlington Hall Breezeway, McCarty Breezeway, or The Hub Outside Awning, as these locations are where the highest concentration of in-class students are on campus (72.4%), 29.6%

of on-campus residents live here currently, and 36.6% of on-campus residents will live here by Fall 2023 [19].

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida Business Services Assistant Vice President Eddie Daniels, GAU Co-Presidents Bryn Taylor and Rachel Hartnett, Women's Student Association President Brenda Sanchez, Her Campus President Jasmine Cubillan, Pride Student Union President Tayler King, Women's Health Advocacy Alliance President Danelle Antelo, Latino Medical Student Association President Sebastian Tirado-Vélez, Planned Parenthood Generation Action President Jianna Daddario, GatorWell Director Dr. Monica Webb, Associate Professor and Interim Medical Director for Student Health Care Center David Feller, MD, and National Women's Liberation Gainesville Chapter Chair Emily Calvin

[1] https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/19-1392_6j37.pdf

[2] <https://www.flgov.com/2022/04/14/governor-ron-desantis-signs-bill-to-protect-the-lives-of-floridas-most-vulnerable/>

[3] <https://www.womenshealth.gov/30-achievements/19>

[4] <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2013/06/11/190684947/fda-oks-prescription-free-plan-b-for-all-ages-ending-battle>

[5] <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6123910/>

[6] <https://ufhealth.org/emergency-contraception>

[7] <https://shcc.ufl.edu/services/primary-care/sexual-health/>

[8] <https://shcc.ufl.edu/appointments/locations/>

[9] <https://shcc.ufl.edu/appointments/holidays-other-closures/>

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<http://cdn.flipsnack.com/widget/flipsnackwidget.html?hash=fdp3qcpcb&bgcolor=EEEEEE&t=1474478918>

[11] <https://www.fox5ny.com/news/students-demand-college-install-contraceptive-vending-machine>

[12]

https://docs.google.com/document/d/16vZ0VISP7SE7CT7ZiaPmcBW7H5kLMYzrVNZv0_EJeQI/edit?usp=sharing

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<https://www.refinery29.com/en-us/2017/09/171894/plan-b-vending-machines-colleges-birth-control>

[14] <https://www.bu.edu/articles/2022/new-plan-b-vending-machine-in-gsu/>

[15]

<https://www.mic.com/articles/4359/shippensburg-university-s-birth-control-vending-machine-promotes-safe-sex-and-women-s-reproductive-health#.whmvqsCwm>

- [16] <https://www.wuft.org/news/2018/03/30/womens-group-pushes-for-morning-after-pill-vending-machines-on-uf-campus/>
- [17] <https://businessservices.ufl.edu/services/vending/>
- [18] <https://sg.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Resolution-Recognizing-a-Need-to-Support-Sexual-and-Reproductive-Health-Resources-and-Opportunities-2022-1023.pdf>
- [19] https://businessservices.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Food-Svcs-Master-Plan-Report_Final_December-2019.pdf