

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2022-1048**

**TITLE:** Resolution Encouraging University of Florida Students to Vote in the 2022 Midterm Elections

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**SPONSORS:** Minority Party Leader Faith Corbett, Senator Jonathan C. Stephens, Senator Cassandra Urbenz, Senator Anjali Natarajan, Senator Luke Asuncion, Senator Oscar Santiago Perez, Senator John Rassel, Senator Danny Wolcott, Senator Mohammed Faisal, Senator Mason Solomon

**WHEREAS,** the 2022 United States Midterm Election will occur on Tuesday, November 8, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS,** all registered Florida voters have the opportunity to vote for one Florida U.S. Senator, the Governor of Florida, their congressional representative, their state representative, and other elected officials; and,

**WHEREAS,** students at the University of Florida who are not registered to vote in the state of Florida have the opportunity to vote via mail-in ballots for their state elected officials; and,

**WHEREAS,** voters in Alachua County will be voting on three new State Constitutional amendments, two county charter amendments, and one city charter amendment [1]; and,

**WHEREAS,** in the last midterm election in 2018, Florida had a voter turnout of 63% [2]; and,

**WHEREAS,** in the last midterm election in 2018 there was a national turnout of 53.4% [3], and only 50% of college students registered to vote [4]; and,

**WHEREAS,** students can find more information on how to vote by visiting <https://www.myfloridaelections.com/> and contacting their local Supervisor of Elections to learn more about the voting system used in their area [5]; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is a known fact that when people start voting at a young age, they are more likely to remain an engaged voters in the future [6];

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of voting at a young age to becoming a consistent voter in the future; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages all University of Florida students to research candidates and new amendments in their jurisdiction in order to make an informed decision on how to vote.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate, as an elected body, recognizes that voting is one of the most important ways that citizens can make their voices heard in the United States.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages all students to vote in the 2022 Midterm elections.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Kent Fuchs, Director of the Bob Graham Center Dr. Matt Jacobs, Associate Director of the Bob Graham Center Marianne Vernetson, and Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Kim A. Barton.*

[1] <https://www.votealachua.com/Elections/Sample-Ballots>

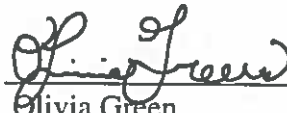
[2] <https://www.dos.myflorida.com/elections/data-statistics/elections-data/voter-turnout/>

[3] <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2019/04/behind-2018-united-states-midterm-election-turnout.html>

[4] <https://it.usembassy.gov/what-are-midterm-elections-and-why-are-they-important/>

[5] <https://www.myfloridaelections.com/Voting-Elections/Ways-to-Vote>

[6] <https://circle.tufts.edu/latest-research/growing-voters-engaging-youth-they-reach-voting-age-strengthen-democracy>



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