

Student Senate

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**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2022-1057**

**TITLE:** Resolution Condemning the Rise in Antisemitism

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**WHEREAS,** Musical artist Ye (Kanye West) made repetitive statements attacking the Jewish community starting on October 14, 2022 [1]; and,

**WHEREAS,** West posted on Twitter and appeared in several television and radio interviews reinforcing his antisemitic stance [2]; and,

**WHEREAS,** The phrase “Kanye was right about the Jews” was projected onto TIAA Bank Field and various Jacksonville apartments on October 29, 2022 [3]; and,

**WHEREAS,** Other communities and college campuses have faced similar attacks in recent weeks [4]; and,

**WHEREAS,** A student at the University of Wisconsin and a person in New York City were seen dressing as and idolizing Adolf Hitler to celebrate Halloween [5]; and,

**WHEREAS,** Antisemitic messages and images were painted on street signs in Weston, Florida [6]; and,

**WHEREAS,** The University of Florida is home to approximately 6,500 Jewish students, which make up around 19% of the undergraduate population [7]; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Federal Bureau of Investigation has released a statement announcing a broad threat to all synagogues in New Jersey due to recent antisemitic threats [8]; and,

**WHEREAS,** A number of student organizations at the University of Florida have spoken out against these incidents such as Jewish Student Union, UF Hillel, UF Chabad, UF Student Government, Panhellenic Council, and various Greek organizations [9]; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED,** the University of Florida Student Senate officially condemns the antisemitic message displayed outside of the TIAA Bank Field after the Florida-Georgia football game in Jacksonville, Florida, and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED,** the University of Florida Student Senate reprimands the rise of antisemitic attacks, threats, and remarks across the state of Florida and the nation, and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED,** the University of Florida Student Senate dedicates itself to supporting the University's Jewish population and promoting a safe, inclusive environment for all students on campus.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University President Kent Fuchs, Vice President of Student Life Heather White, Chief Diversity Officer Marsha McGiff, UF Hillel Rabbi Jonah Zinn, UF Chabad Rabbi Berl Goldman, Student Body President Lauren Lemasters, Student Body Vice President Daniel Badell, Student Body Treasurer Sierra Kantammeni*

[1] <https://www.adl.org/resources/blog/unpacking-kanye-wests-antisemitic-remarks>

[2] <https://www.mirror.co.uk/tv/tv-news/kanye-west-walks-out-piers-28284156>

[3] <https://www.news4jax.com/sports/2022/10/30/shad-khan-on-antisemitic-rhetoric-in-jacksonville-lets-stop-it/>

[4] <https://www.kcra.com/article/antisemitic-graffiti-found-uc-davis-residence-hall/41617911#>

[5] <https://www.timesofisrael.com/extremely-disturbed-us-jewish-groups-condemn-nazi-halloween-costumes/>

[6] <https://www.cnn.com/2022/10/30/us/florida-georgia-game-kanye-west/index.html>

[7] <https://www.hillel.org/college-guide/list/record/university-of-florida>

[8] <https://www.npr.org/2022/11/03/1134195978/new-jersey-synagogues-threat-fbi>

[9] [https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.instagram.com/p/CkZjL-](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.instagram.com/p/CkZjL-ejPS2/?igshid%3DYmMyMTA2M2Y%3D&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1667271681679174&usg=AOvVaw2RKK-MoDigDy6iuTNpNNYT)

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