

## **STUDENT SENATE BILL 2022-1069**

**TITLE: Resolution Recognizing the “Red Zone” and Supporting Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Initiatives**

**AUTHOR(S): Senator Clayton Bush**

**SPONSORS:** Judiciary Vice Chairwoman Sidney Ruedas, Senator Bianca Barrios, Majority Party Leader Blake Cox,, Senator John Brinkman, Senator Justin Lanzuela, Senator Phoebe Funai, Senator Gretchen Howard, Senator Samuel Rosenkranz, Senator Kaitlyn Berger, Senator Mason Solomon, Senator Madi Koukos, Senator Garrett Josephson, Senator Julia Seifer, Senator Shelby Schultz, Senator Matt Reich, Senator Joah Levine, Senator Aaron Amster, Senator Jacey Cable, Senator Isabel Ponce, Rules and Ethics Chairwoman Lilliana Clark, Senator Ethan Ghozali, Member at Large Mara Vaknin, Judiciary Chairman Sean Harkins, Senator Haley Rubin, Senator Evan Rafanan

**WHEREAS**, The “Red Zone” is the time period on campus between move-in and Thanksgiving break where college freshman are most susceptible to sexual assault [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, Younger students are moving in to an environment they have never experienced before, so the likelihood of sexual assault or other forms of power based violence are much higher creating an ever-growing problem for our campus community [2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, The most recent survey, conducted in 2019 by UF, found that 31.1% of female undergraduate students and 7.7% of undergraduate male students at the University of Florida experienced nonconsensual sexual contact by force or inability to consent [3]; and,

**WHEREAS**, As a campus community, we have a responsibility to help students who are in need of assistance; and,

**WHEREAS**, This problem has recently prompted many other campuses to establish programs addressing and attempting to “shatter the Red Zone” [4]; and,

**WHEREAS**, The acknowledgement of the importance and urgency of this time period and the support for sexual assault awareness and prevention initiatives and programs, like ‘One Love’ at UF [5] and the Nightlife NaviGators’ Leaders for Change Conference [6], is the first step to surmounting this pertinent issue on campus; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the University of Florida Student Senate supports sexual assault awareness and prevention efforts at the University of Florida and recognizes the urgency of the “Red Zone” for college freshman; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, the University of Florida Student Senate commits to providing support to these awareness and prevention programs to boost their visibility and aid in their missions; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED**, the University of Florida Student Senate encourages students, faculty, and staff to continue to support these initiatives and urge for more awareness around the resources and opportunities that the University provides.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University President Kent Fuchs, Title IX Coordinator Russell Froman, Vice President of Student Life Heather White,, President of One Love at UF Melanie Hernandez,*

[1]

<https://www.shatteringthesilence.org/red-zone>

[2]

<https://www.thecenteronline.org/community-education-awareness/the-red-zone/>

[3]

<https://news.ufl.edu/2019/10/campus-climate-results/>

[4]

<https://stepinstandup.tamu.edu/red-zone.html>

[5]

<https://news.ufl.edu/2021/05/title-ix-/>

[6]

<https://sg.ufl.edu/branches/executive/agencies/>