

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1024

TITLE: Resolution addressing the February 13, 2023 shooting at Michigan State University

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WHEREAS, on February 13, 2023, a gunman opened fire at Michigan State University [1]; and

WHEREAS, the gunman killed three students and injured five more [2]; and

WHEREAS, the victims were Arielle Anderson (19), Alexandria Verner (20), and Brian Fraser (20) [3]; and,

WHEREAS, there have already been 71 mass shootings and 6 mass shootings around Florida so far in 2023 [4] [5]; and,

WHEREAS, this tragedy occurred a day before the 5th anniversary of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School mass shooting in Parkland, Florida, where 17 people were killed [6]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes and memorializes the three lives lost at Michigan State University on February 13, 2023.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the University of Florida Student Senate wishes the five other victims of the Michigan State University shooting a speedy recovery.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the University of Florida Student Senate stands with Michigan State University and the families of the victims as they recover from the tragedy.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the University of Florida Student Senate honors the memory of the victims and stands with the people who were impacted by the mass shooting that occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida five years ago.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the University of Florida Student Senate strongly condemns the senseless shootings that have occurred around the country and expresses its support for all those affected by these tragic events.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, the University of Florida Student Senate continues to support movements to help end gun violence in our communities.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, UF President Dr. Ben Sasse, UF Provost Dr. Joe Glover, UF Vice President of Student Life Dr. Heather White, UF Student Body President Lauren Lemasters, Michigan State University President Teresa K. Woodruff, Ph.D., and Michigan State University Student Body President Jordan Kovach.

[1]<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/msu-shooting-michigan-state-university-suspect-anthony-mcr-ae-students-killed-wounded/>

[2]<https://www.cnn.com/2023/02/14/us/victims-michigan-state-university-shooting/index.html>

[3]<https://www.cnn.com/2023/02/16/us/michigan-state-university-mass-shooting-thursday/index.html>

[4]https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/02/15/mass-shootings-us-2023/112624140_02/

[5]<https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting>

[6]<https://www.nbcnews.com/now/video/victims-families-mark-five-years-since-marjory-stoneman-douglas-high-school-shooting-163321925797>