

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1027

TITLE: Resolution Commemorating the Lives Lost During the Turkey-Syria Earthquake on February 6th

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WHEREAS, on February 6th, 2023, a earthquake of 7.8 magnitude occurred on the border of southern Turkey and northern Syria [1]; and,

WHEREAS, there have been approximately 40,000 fatalities and 75,000 injuries reported within both countries [2]; and,

WHEREAS, as the death toll rises, members of the Syrian and Turkish population are receiving aftershocks due to the impact of the earthquake mentally and physically [3]; and,

WHEREAS, many members of the Syrian population rely on humanitarian aid within the area of obstruction [3]; and,

WHEREAS, there are concerns of various health issues arising from the earthquake impacts, such as disease, famine, and sanitation due to lack of shelter [4]; and,

WHEREAS, many non-governmental organizations such as UNICEF and the United Nations are providing humanitarian relief for these countries during this devastating time [4]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate acknowledges the lives lost during the Turkey-Syria earthquake; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports Turkish/Syrian students and staff that are overwhelmed by this devastation; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages faculty and student leaders to do everything within their power to aid those struggling with the aftermath of the Turkey-Syria earthquake.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution will be sent to the Turkish Student Association, Students Organize for Syria at UF, University of Florida President Ben Sasse, and Vice President of Student Affairs Heather White.

[1] <https://disasterphilanthropy.org/disasters/2023-turkey-syria-earthquake/>

[2] <https://www.nytimes.com/explain/2023/02/14/world/turkey-syria-earthquake>

[3] <https://time.com/6253346/turkey-earthquake-syria-how-to-help/>

[4] <https://www.cnbc.com/2023/02/13/earthquake-death-toll-rises-as-few-survivors-pierce-misery-in-turkey-and-syria.html>