

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1186

TITLE: Resolution to Support and Promote Anti-Hazing Efforts within the Sorority and Fraternity Life Department

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SPONSOR(S): Judiciary Chair Jonathan C. Stephens, Judiciary Vice-Chair Joaquin R.C. Marcelino, Senator Matthew Reich, Senator Saketh Damara, Senator Laurie Wang

WHEREAS, The Sorority and Fraternity Life Department at the University of Florida is committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all students involved in sororities and fraternities; and,

WHEREAS, Hazing poses a serious threat to the physical and psychological well-being of students and undermines the core values of leadership, community, and personal growth that the Sorority and Fraternity Life Department strives to promote; and,

WHEREAS, The University of Florida has a zero-tolerance policy for hazing and is dedicated to creating a campus culture that prioritizes the safety and well-being of all students; and,

WHEREAS, The Sorority and Fraternity Life Department, in partnership with student organizations, has taken significant steps to educate members about the dangers of hazing, provide resources for reporting incidents, and implement preventative measures; and,

WHEREAS, Recognizing and celebrating the efforts of the Sorority and Fraternity Life Department in combating hazing can serve as a powerful incentive for continued dedication to these crucial efforts and reinforce a culture of accountability and responsibility; and,

WHEREAS, The University of Florida Student Senate acknowledges the importance of recognizing and promoting positive initiatives that contribute to the overall well-being and success of the student body; and,

WHEREAS, Sharing successful strategies and best practices in anti-hazing efforts can inspire other universities and organizations to take similar measures to ensure the safety and well-being of their students;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate commends the Sorority and Fraternity Life Department for its steadfast commitment to promoting a safe and inclusive environment by actively addressing and preventing hazing within sororities and fraternities.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the Sorority and Fraternity Life Department to continue its efforts in educating members, raising awareness, and implementing strategies to prevent hazing, and to collaborate with relevant campus partners to enhance these initiatives.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate requests the Sorority and Fraternity Life Department to continue to organize an awareness campaign dedicated to anti-hazing efforts, showcasing successful outcomes, and sharing resources and best practices with the broader student community.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Sorority and Fraternity Life Simone Horman.

 9/11/23
Oscar Santiago Perez Date
Senate President