

**-STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1258**

**TITLE: Resolution Promoting Access to Contraceptive Resources and Counseling**

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**SPONSORS: Senate President Oscar Santiago Perez, Judiciary Chair Jonathan C. Stephens, Judiciary Vice-Chair Joaquin R.C. Marcelino, Majority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton, Deputy Majority Party Leader Chalisa Budhai, Senator Saketh Damara, Senator Matthew Reich, Senator Laurie Wang, Senator John Lin**

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida is committed to the health and well-being of its student population and recognizes the importance of access to comprehensive healthcare services; and,

**WHEREAS**, access to contraceptive resources and counseling is a fundamental aspect of sexual and reproductive health, allowing individuals to make informed decisions about their reproductive futures [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, GatorWell Health Promotion Services [2] and the Student Health Care Center [3] at the University of Florida offer valuable resources, including counseling and contraceptive methods, to support students' sexual and reproductive health needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, promoting awareness of and access to contraceptive resources and counseling on campus contributes to safer and healthier sexual practices among students [4], reducing unintended pregnancies and the risk of sexually transmitted infections [5]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the provision of free or low-cost condoms and contraceptive resources, including emergency contraceptives, in residence halls can further enhance accessibility and reduce barriers to obtaining essential sexual health supplies; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the value of promoting access to contraceptive resources and counseling at the University of Florida, with the active involvement of GatorWell Health Promotion Services and the Student Health Care Center; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the fundamental importance of supporting students in making informed and responsible choices regarding their sexual and reproductive health; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the University of Florida, in collaboration with related administrative organizations on campus, to launch widespread awareness campaigns, alongside making condoms, emergency contraceptives, and other contraceptive resources readily available in residence halls for free or at a low-cost.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Ben Sasse, the University of Florida's Student Health Care Center Director Dr. Jocelyn Gravlee, GatorWell Health Promotion Services Director Dr. Monica Webb, Health Affairs Student Government Cabinet Director Aneesh Chatrathi, Women's Affairs Student Government Cabinet Director Hadley Stephens, the Women's Student Association President Padma Adimula, and Generation Action President Amelia Packham and Campus Campaign Chair Sabrina Briceno.*

[1] <https://www.cdc.gov/healthequity/features/college/>

[2] <https://gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu/>

[3] <https://shcc.ufl.edu/>

[4] <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-metropolitan-washington-dc/blog/why-we-brought-emergency-contraception-to-my-colleges-campus>

[5] <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-south-east-north-florida/blog/a-back-to-college-guide-4-ways-to-stay-protected-while-at-college>