

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1276

TITLE: Resolution to Help Provide On-Campus Dietary Accommodations for Students Observing Religious Holidays with Dietary Requirements

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WHEREAS, Students on campus come from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds, each with unique dietary requirements and restrictions; and,

WHEREAS, Religious observances often involve specific dietary guidelines, and it is essential for the university to respect and accommodate these practices; and,

WHEREAS, Ensuring that students have access to food options that align with their religious beliefs fosters an inclusive and respectful campus environment; and,

WHEREAS, Providing on-campus dietary accommodations demonstrates the university's commitment to supporting the religious practices and cultural needs of its students; and,

WHEREAS, Offering a variety of dietary options during religious holidays enhances the overall campus experience for all students; and,

WHEREAS, Many religious holidays are observed annually, making it crucial to establish a sustainable and ongoing system for providing appropriate food choices during these times; and,

WHEREAS, The implementation of on-campus dietary accommodations will require coordination between the university administration, dining services, and relevant campus organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Timely planning and communication are vital to ensure the successful execution of these accommodations;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of providing on-campus dietary accommodations for students observing religious holidays with specific dietary requirements.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate urges the university administration and dining services to collaborate with religious organizations and student representatives to establish a comprehensive and sustainable system for on-campus dietary accommodations during religious observances.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate commits to supporting and advocating for the implementation of these accommodations and encourages transparent communication between the university and the student body regarding the progress and availability of on-campus dietary options during religious holidays.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the University of Florida President Dr. Benjamin Sasse, the Reitz Union Board of Managers Chair Saketh Damera, Florida Fresh Dining Company VP of Operations Andrew Lipson and Director of Dining Services (Compass) Philip McMaster