

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1086

TITLE: Resolution Advocating for Preventative Campus Safety Initiatives

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SPONSOR(S):

WHEREAS, the mission statement of the University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) outlines a commitment to preserve a safe, secure campus environment [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida is also committed to preserving the safety and well-being of students, faculty and staff on campus [3][4]; and,

WHEREAS, according to the University of Florida Annual Security Report of the 2023-2024 Academic Year, there has been a steady increase in Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Crimes from 2020 to 2022 [2]; and,

WHEREAS, being that the nature of these crimes posits that the propagation of said crimes could be due to inadequate lighting on campus; and,

WHEREAS, according to a study on the crime reducing effect of improved street lighting, improved street lighting was followed by significant decreases in the prevalence and incidence of crime [5][6]; and,

WHEREAS, acknowledging that the area of sorority row is particularly underlit and, consequently, an area conducive to VAWA crimes; and,

WHEREAS, an initiative to increase lighting on sorority row would promote a safe, secure campus environment; and,

WHEREAS, acknowledging the importance of proactive measures for enhancing campus safety; and,

WHEREAS, recognizing the multifaceted and informative nature of the GatorSafe App [9]; and,

WHEREAS, understanding the need for student-centered integration of the UF Gator Safe app; and,

WHEREAS, acknowledging the benefits of carrying and utilizing a self-defense device to ensure personal safety and well-being; and,

WHEREAS, understanding that there are limitations to carrying a self-defense device on the University campus or any land or property occupied by the University of Florida [7][8]; and,

WHEREAS, recognizing UFPD as the most knowledgeable governing body on the topic of self-defense in the context of the utilization of self-defense devices on the UF campus or any land or property occupied by the University of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, an initiative aimed at increasing awareness of self-defense devices in collaboration with UFPD would contribute to fostering a safer and more secure campus environment; and,

WHEREAS, this effort would provide valuable resources for students seeking effective ways to enhance their personal safety and protection; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the critical importance of prioritizing preventative campus safety initiatives.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate acknowledges the significance of collaboration with the UFPD and endorses the implementation of increased lighting on sorority row, self-defense device initiatives, and the student-centered integration of the UF Gator Safe app.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages everyone to support and actively engage in initiatives aimed at enhancing campus safety in alignment with the spirit of this resolution.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Ben Sasse, Provost Scott Angle, Vice President for Student Life Heather White, Chief of the University of Florida Police Department Linda Stump-Kurnick.

[1] <https://police.ufl.edu/our-department/>

<https://clery.compliance.ufl.edu/media/clerycomplianceufl.edu/asfsr/2023-ASR-reduced.pdf>

[2] <https://publicsafety.ufl.edu/clery/>

[3] <https://dso.ufl.edu/resources/student-safety/>

[4] <https://gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu/about/campus-safety/>

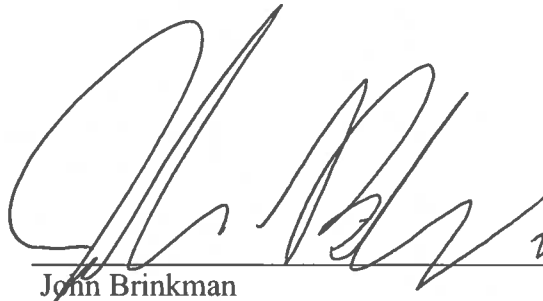
[5] https://popcenter.asu.edu/sites/default/files/141-Painter_and_Farrington.pdf

[6] <https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/virtual-library/abstracts/crime-reducing-effect-improved-street-lighting-dudley-project>

[7] <https://policy.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/2001.pdf>

[8] <https://police.ufl.edu/how-do-i/brochures-safety-tips/crime-prevention/>

[9] <https://publicsafety.ufl.edu/gatorsafe.html>



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