

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1301

TITLE: Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating Women's History Month at the University of Florida

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WHEREAS, women make up approximately 56.57% of enrolled students at the University of Florida [1]; and,

WHEREAS, there are over 60+ registered student organizations at the University of Florida dedicated to nurturing female involvement and leadership in the UF community [2]; and,

WHEREAS, Women's Student Association is a member of the Big 9, which are well-established student organizations that represent minority voices on campus [3][4]; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida, established in 1853, only admitted the first female full-time students in 1924 (with restrictions), and in 1947 the university became full coeducational [5]; and,

WHEREAS, Women’s History Month honors the often overlooked achievements and contributions of women, and recognizes the need for further gender equity; and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a resolution proclaiming an United Nations day for Women’s Rights and International Peace to be observed by Member States in December of 1977 [6]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the month of March as Women’s History Month at the University of Florida.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the celebration of Women’s History Month on campus to honor the contributions of women to history, culture, and society at UF and beyond.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate urges other student organizations and leaders on campus to educate themselves on the vast contributions of women to campus culture and improvement, thus honoring these women who served as an example of leadership and service at the University of Florida.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Women’s Student Association President Padma Adimula. The Student Senate would like to thank former Women’s Caucus Co-Chair Simone Liang for her significant contributions and authorship in the drafting of this resolution.

[1] <https://ir.aa.ufl.edu/facts/diversity/>

[2] <https://orgs.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/Organizations#!%23searchresults>

[3] <https://www.change.org/p/demand-uf-student-government-fund-student-organization-events>

[4] <https://thepoliticalswamp.wordpress.com/2012/11/08/the-big-9/>

[5] <https://graduateschool.ufl.edu/articles/2024/news-202403/04-01.html#:~:text=In%201924%2C%20then%20male%2Donly,its%20first%20female%20faculty%20member.>

[6] <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Activity/15586/The-history-of-IWD#:~:text=A%20woman%20named%20Clara%20Zetkin,to%20press%20for%20their%20demands.>



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