

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1359**

**TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Fall 2024 Election Dates**

**AUTHOR(S): Judiciary Chairman Aaron Rubaii**

**SPONSOR(S):**

**WHEREAS**, Article VI, Section 5 of the Student Body Constitution states that "If any hour of any day of a general or run-off election conflicts with a religious or school holiday or if any other conflict exists, the Student Senate shall, by resolution, designate different days for the affected election or elections;" and,

**WHEREAS**, Article VI, Section 2 of the Student Body Constitution states that "The fall general election shall occur on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the sixth week of the fall term;" and,

**WHEREAS**, the fall academic school year will begin on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, and six weeks following that date would be the week of September 29<sup>th</sup>, making the election dates October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, October 2<sup>nd</sup> marks the beginning of Rosh Hashanah, which celebrates the New Year on the first day of Tishrei. This holiday is a day of remembrance and allows for members for the Jewish faith to participate in a period of self-examination and reflection. This holiday is an integral part of the Jewish faith, thus creating a conflict [2][3]; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** the University of Florida Student Senate authorizes the Supervisor of Elections to hold the Fall 2024 general election on October 8<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup>.

[1] [https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/dates-deadlines/pdfs/2024-2025\\_Aproved\\_Calendar\\_Catalog.pdf](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/dates-deadlines/pdfs/2024-2025_Aproved_Calendar_Catalog.pdf)

[2] <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/rosh-hashanah-history>

[3] <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Rosh-Hashana>



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