

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1711

TITLE: Resolution Commemorating the Publication of Specialized Grief Resources by the CWC

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WHEREAS, the Counseling and Wellness Center (CWC) at the University of Florida has a long-standing commitment to providing essential mental health services to the student body [1]; and,

WHEREAS, research indicates that a significant portion of university students experience grief due to the loss of a loved one [2]; and

WHEREAS, grief and bereavement are profound emotional responses to loss and can significantly impact an individual's mental, emotional, and physical well-being [3]; and,

WHEREAS, the CWC has recently implemented the Gator Grief and Bereavement resource hub, a dedicated platform designed to provide comprehensive support and resources for students navigating grief and loss; and,

WHEREAS, the publication of these specialized grief resources by the CWC is a crucial step in addressing the unique mental health challenges faced by students coping with loss; and,

WHEREAS, these resources provide students with accessible and tailored support, promoting emotional healing and resilience throughout the university; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate and the University of Florida Counseling and Wellness Center recognizes the need for mental health sources specifically tailored to students dealing with grief.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the continuous development and promotion of mental health resources tailored to needs of the student population.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages all students to utilize these new specialized grief resources provided by the CWC as needed, accessible at <https://counseling.ufl.edu/resources/grief/> [4], in order to support their emotional well-being and personal growth during times of loss.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate extends its sincere gratitude to the Counseling and Wellness Center for their dedication and efforts in creating the Gator Grief and Bereavement resource network, and for their ongoing commitment to supporting the mental health and well-being of the student body.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida Counseling & Wellness Center Executive Director Ernesto Escoto and University of Florida Counseling & Wellness Center Interim Director Rosa West.

[1] <https://counseling.ufl.edu/>

[2] <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24479187/>

[3] <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9381721/>

[4] <https://counseling.ufl.edu/resources/grief/>



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Date