

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1721

TITLE: Resolution Commemorating the Beloved Norman Courtyard Oak Tree

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WHEREAS, the College of Educations' Norman Hall is considered a historical building [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the old oak tree in the center of the Norman Courtyard has been a landmark for generations of students, providing shade, comfort, and a gathering place for studying and socializing; and,

WHEREAS, on September 26th, 2024, the tree fell during Hurricane Helene and split into three pieces; and,

WHEREAS, the loss of this iconic tree represents the passing of a cherished landmark for students, faculty, and alumni; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida community recognizes the importance of preserving its natural and historical landmarks to maintain a connection to its rich traditions [2]; and,

WHEREAS, establishing a memorial or plaque would honor the tree's significance and preserve its memory for future students; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of commemorating the Norman Tree as a vital part of the Norman Hall Courtyard's history; and,

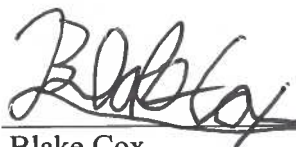
THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that the establishment of a memorial or a plaque in the Norman Courtyard would honor the tree and its legacy; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the historical significance of the tree in the Norman Courtyard as an enduring symbol of the university's natural beauty and its impact on student life.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Dean of the College of Education Glenn Good.

[1] <https://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ufarch/xnorman.htm>

[2] <https://facilities.ufl.edu/campus-planning/historic-preservation/historic-preservation-resources/>



Blake Cox
Senate President

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