

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1072

TITLE: Resolution in Support of the Festival of Holi at the University of Florida

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WHEREAS, Holi is a widely celebrated festival across India and around the world, known as the “Festival of Colors,” where people come together to throw colored water and powders in a joyous expression of unity and celebration. Holi transcends social boundaries, fostering togetherness and inclusivity among all who participate [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Holi holds deep cultural significance, symbolizing themes of renewal, joy, and the triumph of positivity. The festival is celebrated in diverse ways across different regions of India, from the lighting of bonfires to mark new beginnings to vibrant public festivities filled with music, dance, and traditional sweets. It has gained international recognition, with celebrations occurring in many countries as a way to embrace cultural exchange and global unity [2]; and,

WHEREAS, the Indian Students Association (ISA) at the University of Florida recognizes the importance of cultural celebrations in creating a welcoming and inclusive environment, especially for international students. Through its annual Holi event, ISA provides students from all backgrounds the opportunity to engage in this lively tradition, fostering cross-cultural understanding and a sense of belonging within the university community [3]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate acknowledges and celebrates Holi as an important cultural event, recognizing its role in promoting diversity, inclusivity, and the appreciation of global traditions among students.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate commends the Indian Students Association for its dedication to organizing meaningful cultural events and providing South Asian students with the opportunity to honor their heritage while sharing it with the broader university community.

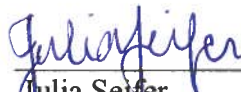
THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the Indian Students Association for its efforts in organizing another important cultural event for South Asians and providing a meaningful opportunity for the community to celebrate their heritage with the broader University community.

Proviso: *A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Co-Presidents of Indian Students Association Ansh Parikh and Tej Patel and the Co-Presidents of Asian American Student Union Julia Guerreo and Amy Gu*

[1] <https://www.britannica.com/story/holi-festival-of-colors>

[2] <https://apnews.com/article/holi-hindu-festival-of-colors-india-d929d95ebb7ce98f23375b3eeb20753a>

[3] https://www.instagram.com/reel/C5Ua_6jRiZ9/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRlODBiNWFiZA==


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