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STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1148

TITLE: Resolution Advocating for Accessibility Awareness Day

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida is committed to being a campus environment that recognizes and supports students with visible and invisible disabilities [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the Disability Resource Center (DRC) provides resources and advocacy to ensure equal access to students with disabilities [2]; and,

WHEREAS, October is nationally recognized as Disability Awareness Month and provides the opportunity to highlight the experiences of students with disabilities and to promote accessibility across campus [3]; and,

WHEREAS, raising awareness through campus-wide events such as an Accessibility Awareness Day can educate the campus community about the barriers faced by individuals with disabilities and the resources available to support them [4]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the organization and promotion of an annual Accessibility Awareness Day, commencing on October 1st, in collaboration with the Disability Resource Center.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that Accessibility Awareness Day will serve as a kickoff for Disability Awareness Month activities throughout October, aiming to educate, engage, and empower the University of Florida community regarding accessibility and disability advocacy.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages student organizations, departments, and campus units to participate in Accessibility Awareness Day and Disability Awareness Month events to foster a more accessible and informed campus environment.

Proviso: The authors of this bill would like to recognize Disability Affairs Executive Secretary Melinda Linsky and Disability Affairs Cabinet Director Amanda Badalamenti from the Disability Resource Centers Disability Affairs in aiding in the creation of the bill.

- [1] https://accessibility.ufl.edu/
- [2] https://disability.ufl.edu/
- [3] https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam
- [4] https://www.ssoar.info/ssoar/handle/document/60644

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