

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2026-1028

TITLE: Resolution Promoting April's "Take Back the Night"

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WHEREAS, April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, a dedicated month to increasing public understanding of sexual violence while supporting survivors; and,

WHEREAS, research indicates that approximately 420,000 individuals age 12 and older experience sexual violence each year in the United States [1]; and,

WHEREAS, sexual assault and violence remain a significant public health and safety concern that affects college students across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, as of 2019, about 45% of University of Florida students experienced some form of sexual violence or harassment [2]; and,

WHEREAS, educational events and initiatives contribute to campus-wide efforts to promote prevention, increase awareness, and support the members of the campus community; and,

WHEREAS, the Gender and Sexuality Protection Agency focuses on creating safe spaces on campus for survivors of sexual violence and educating students on resources that they can utilize to support survivors; and,

WHEREAS, "Take Back the Night" is a global nonprofit movement that is dedicated to ending all forms of sexual violence through community [3]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate and the Gender and Sexuality Protection Agency recognize the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate and the Gender and Sexuality Protection Agency would like to raise awareness of sexual violence through the “Take Back the Night” series.


THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate and the Gender and Sexuality Protection Agency are committed to advocating for survivors and ending sexual violence of all forms.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Gender and Sexuality Protection Agency Head Arshan Falasiri, Senator Emeritus Alexandra Dill, Senator Emeritus Krystal Felix, Senator Emeritus Lexie Trower.

[1] <https://rainn.org/get-informed/facts-statistics-the-scope-of-the-problem>

[2] https://archive.news.ufl.edu/articles/2019/10/campus-climate_results/#:~:text=Here%20are%20some%20key%20findings%20from%20the,contact%20by%20force%20or%20inability%20to%20consent.

[3] <https://takebackthenight.org/history/>



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