



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

72ND STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution # 28

Primary Sponsor: Adamyk, Daraldik

Co-Sponsor(s): Levin, Mougey, Weber, Lavender, Baxter, Uddin, Warren, Maymon

Whereas: The month of February is officially celebrated as Black History Month, which dates back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, set aside a special period of time in February – concurrent with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass – to recognize the heritage and achievement of Black Americans, and;

Whereas: There are an estimated 47.8 million African-American residents in the United States as of 2018, and;

Whereas: The Florida State University community consists of students with diverse ethnicities, cultures, and backgrounds, and;

Whereas: 8.95% of the Florida State University population is comprised of black or African-American students, and;

Whereas: the black community at Florida State University has contributed immensely to the success and culture of the University since being desegregated in the 1960s, and;

Whereas: Maxwell Courtney was the first African American to receive a bachelor's degree from Florida State University (in 1965), Fred Flowers became a member of the baseball team and Florida State's first African-American athlete, and Doby Flowers was elected FSU's first African-American Homecoming Queen in 1970, and;

Whereas: Maxwell Courtney, Fred Flowers, and Doby Flowers serve as symbols of the hundreds of African-American students credited with helping integrate Florida State University over the years and are forever immortalized through the Integration Statue, and;

Whereas: Florida State University's Black Student Union aims to create, sustain, promote, and affirm Black scholarship, culture, history, and leadership, and;

Whereas: Florida State's Black Student Union has been an essential part of campus life since its founding in 1968 and will continue to impact students across campus for generations to come, and;

Whereas: African Americans in all walks of life have made significant contributions throughout the history of the United States, including through the—

- (1) Music of Louis Armstrong, Chuck Berry, Ray Charles, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Prince, ;
- (2) Writings of Maya Angelou, James Baldwin, W.E.B. Du Bois, Ralph Ellison, Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Toni Morrison, and Booker T. Washington;
- (3) Resolve of athletes such as Muhammad Ali, Arthur Ashe, Kobe Bryant, Lebron James, Michael Jordan, Jesse Owens, Frederick "Fritz" Pollard, Jackie Robinson, Venus Williams, Serena Williams, ;
- (4) Vision of leaders such as Mary McLeod Bethune, Shirley Chisolm, Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Clarence Thomas, Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, ;

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that:

The Seventy-Second Student Senate recognizes the importance of commemorating Black History Month as it acknowledges the achievements of African Americans throughout our Nation's history and encourages the continuation of its celebration to provide an opportunity for all Americans to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped our FSU community, our city, our state, and our entire Nation;

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to:

Wendyvette Edwards, Black Student Union President

Kaitlynn Baird, Black Student Union Vice-President

Caleb Dawkins, Student Body Treasurer

Stephanie Lee, Student Body Vice President

Evan Steinberg, Student Body President

John Thrasher, Florida State University President

John Dailey, Mayor of the City of Tallahassee

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Student Senate President

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PASSED: FEBRUARY 26, 2020