



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73RD STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 1

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Whereas: On Wednesday, January 6th, 2021 the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives met to certify the 2020 Presidential and Vice-Presidential election results, and

Whereas: Thousands of violent extremists interrupted the proceedings of our democratically elected government in an attempt to lead a coup and circumvent the will of the people by forcibly declaring President Donald Trump to be the winner of the 2020 U.S. Presidential election, and

Whereas: President Trump repeated false conspiracies regarding the integrity of the 2020 U.S. election and incited violence by telling his supporters to "walk down to the Capitol," "show strength," and "demand that Congress do the right thing, and only count the electors who have been lawfully slated," and

Whereas: President Trump's statements directly and indirectly resulted in the insurrection in the U.S. Capitol and an appalling yet predictable example of systemic racism, antisemitism, and white supremacy, and

Whereas: According to the Constitution of the Florida State University Student Body, SGA aims to provide "quality leadership for, and accountability to its constituency by recognizing that strength arises from diversity, engagement, and dialogue" and the riot at the U.S. Capitol building was the antithesis of this statement and every democratic value that our government was founded upon, and

Whereas: Over a hundred supporters of President Donald Trump rallied outside the old Florida Capitol, barely one mile from Florida State University's campus, on January 6th to protest baseless claims of widespread election fraud similar to the concerns of the violent extremists at the U.S. Capitol, and

Whereas: An internal FBI bulletin advises law enforcement agencies to increase their security measures at and around local, state, and federal government buildings, specifically statehouses, due to the threat of riots carried out by armed protestors, and

Whereas: Many students live and attend classes near the Florida Capitol building and have serious concerns about their physical and emotional safety regarding potential attacks in the coming weeks, and

Whereas: According to the FSU Healthy Campus 2020 Initiative, "anxiety also ranks among the top five academic impediments among college students nationally," and

Whereas: There are resources on campus to help students cope during this difficult time including but not limited to the University Counseling Center, the Resilience Project, the Psychiatry Clinic at University Health Services, the Psychology Clinic, and Case Management Services, and

Whereas: According to the FBI, 2019 was the deadliest year for domestic extremist violence since the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 and the top threat we face from domestic violent extremists stems from those identified as racially/ethnically motivated violent extremists (RMVE). RMVEs were the primary source of ideologically motivated lethal incidents and violence in 2018 and 2019.

Be it resolved by the Seventy-Third Student Senate at Florida State University that: the Student Senate strongly condemns the lawless acts committed by domestic terrorists at our nation's capital on January 6th, reaffirms our commitment to "unity and diversity" as enshrined on the seal of the Student Government Association, and echoes President Trasher's call "to support the peaceful transition of power, end the polarization that is dividing our country and work together to build a more unified America."

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate asks the University to commit to designating the causes and mitigation of domestic terrorism and white supremacist terrorism as a research priority, as well as allocating necessary funding for this research.

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate pledges to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, the State of Florida, and the Florida State University Student Body by working in a civil, collaborative, and bipartisan manner for the benefit of all students.

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate encourages the Florida State University Police Department to ensure law enforcement are prepared to respond to situations proactively and efficiently from January 16th until the end of the month and coordinate with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff.

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

Alexander Harmon, Student Senate President
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Student Governance & Advocacy Interim Director
Carlos J. Gomez, Director of the University Counseling Center
Terri Brown, Chief of Police, Florida State University Police Department
Walter McNeil, Leon County Sheriff
Lawrence Revell, Chief of Police, Tallahassee Police Department
Kyle DiMatteo, Director of the Mental Health Council
Jonathan Levin, Student Body President

Alexander D. Harmon

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Student Senate President

**SENATE VOTE: 42-0-2
PASSED: 20th of JANUARY, 2021**