



73RD STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 2

Primary Sponsor: Villacorta, Murcia

Whereas: Members of the student body of the Florida State University participated in the "PledgeTLH" campaign, in which they publicly pledged to "carefully follow public health guidelines, avoid high traffic areas or situation (i.e. house parties, crowded restaurants/bars) where physical distancing isn't possible to reduce the spread of COVID-19, wear and encourage members of the community to wear a face-covering, and recognize we are all on the same team and it will take all of us- acting responsibly and considerately- to overcome this public health crisis", and

Whereas: Members of the student body have been photographed by **other** students and by local bars/clubs in attendance at crowded bars and parties, not adhering to CDC safety guidelines, social distancing requirements, and not wearing face-coverings, and members of the student body have published promotions for local bars/clubs on social media despite pledging to avoid these places and asking students to do so as well, and

Whereas: As of January 5, 2021, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed availability in Leon County is at 2.8%, and 30% of those infected and admitted to the hospital are transferred to the ICU, and

Whereas: Students and residents of Tallahassee living below the poverty line have particularly struggled to afford basic living expenses and would mostly likely be unable to afford any additional healthcare expenses associated with contracting COVID-19, and

Whereas: The poverty rate in Tallahassee is 27.1%, and 47,896 of 176,791 Tallahassee residents reported income levels below the poverty line in the last year, and

Whereas: Tallahassee's 32304 ZIP code contains about 16,834 households and is the poorest zip code in the state, and low income, uninsured people report the most difficulty in accessing healthcare resources, and

Whereas: The Florida Department of Health reported 19,211 new cases on January 8, 2021 with a positivity rate of 12.8%, bringing the state's overall total to **1,601,011** cases since March, and Florida reported 194 new virus-related deaths on 1/8/2021, bringing the state death toll to **24,578** as of **1/20/2021** and

Whereas: Not adhering to CDC COVID-19 guidelines, as well as Florida State University COVID-19 guidelines, endangers the Student Body and the local community, and sets a dangerous and irresponsible example, therefore

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

The 73rd Student Senate condemns these actions and the members of the student body who have participated in them and encourages all students to adhere to CDC guidelines and University guidelines to protect not only the Student Body but the residents of Leon County from further spread of COVID-19 on campus and in the community.

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:

John Thrasher, FSU President
Jonathan Levin, Student Body President
Nastassia Janvier, Student Body Vice President
Christian Hall, Student Body Treasurer
The Executive Cabinet of the Student Body President

Alexander D. Harmon

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Student Senate President

**SENATE VOTE: Unanimous Consent
PASSED: 20th of JANUARY, 2021**