



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**73<sup>rd</sup> STUDENT SENATE  
Senate Resolution**

**Resolution #: 47  
Primary Sponsor: Edouard, Lewis**

**Whereas:** The Haitian President Jovenel Moïse was assassinated on July 7th, 2021, in Port-Au-Prince, Ayiti. This has left the country and the millions of citizens living abroad in shambles, and,

**Whereas:** Many are saying that this is due to President Moïse not wanting to step away from his term after it ended, but no one's life deserves to be taken away under any circumstances. The issue here is bigger and deeply rooted into the finances of the country and a new constitution being put in place by President Moïse in order to push for a proper system of checks and balances and,

**Whereas:** Haiti the first freed Black nation has been experiencing political unrest / turmoil since gaining its freedom from the French in 1805 and,

**Whereas:** Finances continue to play a huge role in the unrest that Haiti is facing. This is due to the France government going to Haiti in 1825 and demanding Haiti to compensate France for their loss of slaves and slave colony, they demanded 150 million Francs (\$21 billion in today's dollars) Those reparations took over six generations to pay plus interest was added to it and,

**Whereas:** On top of this massive payment, Haiti has also experienced numerous health concerns like the frequent Cholera outbreaks and not having access to modern medicine. Natural disasters like the 2010 earthquake, cyclones and tropical storms also left huge impacts on Haiti and,

**Whereas:** The Student Government Senate at Florida State University recognizes the hardships that the Haitian community both in Haiti and globally are constantly facing and,

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that:** Student Senate at Florida State University completely stands in solidarity with all Haitian students.

**Be it further resolved that:** Florida State University and President McCullough properly addresses the Haitian community at Florida State University by releasing a formal statement acknowledging the death of President Moïse since this is a global concern and President Biden have addressed it as well.

**Be it further resolved that:** Florida State University directly offer resources like counseling for the Haitian and Caribbean students who are all negatively impacted by this by sending a representative to their next general body meeting or to speak to their executive board and inform them about these resources.

**Be it further resolved that:** Florida State University does their best to directly reach out to those who are impacted by any internationally known crisis, because chances are they either don't know that services like the University Counseling Center are offered here or will find other ways to cope despite knowing that.

**Be it further resolved that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to the following: Nastassia "Tazzy" Janvier, Florida State University Student Body President Colbi Thykadavil, Florida State University Student Body Vice President Khaleel Gray, Florida State University Student Body Treasurer Alexander Harmon, Florida State University Student Senate President Abril Hunter, Florida State University Student Senate Pro-Tempore Haitian Cultural Club at FSU & FAMU Caribbean Students Association at FSU Dr. Felicia Williams, Florida State University Director of Student Engagement Dr. Amy Hecht, Florida State University Vice President of Student Affairs

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Student Senate President

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