



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73rd STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 64

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Whereas: On Tuesday, August 31, 2021 the United States completed its full withdrawal of diplomats, government employees, Afghan refugees, and U.S. military personnel from Afghanistan and has thus finalized its political and military involvement in the country, and

Whereas: According to estimates from the Costs of War Project at Brown University, over \$2.261 trillion taxpayer dollars and one hundred thousand military personnel and government employees have been invested in the war in Afghanistan, and

Whereas: The Taliban, a United Nations Security Council-sanctioned terrorist regime have taken advantage of the United States' withdrawal from Afghanistan to forcefully usurp power from the democratically established Afghan government, and

Whereas: The Taliban possess a record of extensive human rights abuses, disregard for freedom and liberty, disregard for the rights of women (primarily the basic rights to move freely and obtain an education), the rights of minorities, including those of the LGBTQ community, as well as the recruitment of minors into the military, and a report from Michelle Bachelet, the U.N. Human Rights chief, states that the Taliban continues to carry out "serious violations" of Human Rights, and

Whereas: According to Pentagon Press Secretary John Kirby, the freeing of thousands of convicted Al-Qaeda, ISIL, and ISIS-K terrorists and criminals from Bagram Air Base by the Taliban has directly and indirectly facilitated the attacks carried out on American troops on Thursday, August 26, 2021, resulting in the killing of 90 Afghan civilians, 13 U.S. personnel, and 150 more civilians wounded, and

Whereas: Over twenty-thousand American service members have been killed or wounded in Afghanistan, including one Capt. John Tinsley, 28, who graduated from Florida State University with a degree in criminology and valiantly gave his life whilst serving our country, and

Whereas: There are six military bases with more than 50,000 personnel within a three-hour drive of Florida State University, and according to the latest statistics, the number of student-veterans and dependents of veterans enrolled in Florida State University amounts to over 800 students, and

Whereas: As Student Senators participating in a democratic institution which is inspired and protected by the same institutions that our nation's constitution has engendered, which itself grants freedoms, rights, and liberties protected by the selfless sacrifices of the members of the Armed Forces, representing the students and student-veterans of Florida State University, have a duty and obligation to support freedom and those fighting to preserve it;

Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State

University that: The Florida State University Student Senate condemns the violent usurpation of power by the Taliban, the encroachments on the rights of women, minorities, children, and the attacks on US personnel and Afghan Civilians by the Taliban, ISIL, ISIS-K, and other terrorist organizations, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate stands in solidarity with all those who have lost friends and family in Afghanistan, especially those with connections to Florida State University, acknowledges the suffering of the Afghan people, honors the sacrifices made by all those who have contributed to our nation's 20-year effort in Afghanistan, and voices its unwavering support for our military personnel, and

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

- Nastassia 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
- Renee Wang, Florida State University Student Senate President Pro-Tempore
- Sarah Johnson, Veterans Student Union Director
- Lt. Col. Travis Owen, Professor of Military Science, SEMINOLE Battalion
- Col. Robert "Chris" Frederiksen, Commander, Air Force ROTC Detachment 145
- Dr. Felicia Williams, Florida State University Director of Student Engagement
- Dr. Amy Hecht, Florida State University Vice President of Student Affairs
- Dr. Richard McCullough, Florida State University President

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Alexander Harmon

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Student Senate President

**SENATE VOTE: 42-0-2
PASSED: September 8th, 2021**