



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73rd STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 48

Primary Sponsor: Adam Bowling

Whereas: Indigenous and First Nations peoples have historically been mistreated, dehumanized, attacked, and forcefully relocated by the Canadian and United States governments,

Whereas: These communities have been erased and mistreated in several ways, especially in residential schools and programs,

Whereas: The Cowessess First Nation in Canada has found 751 unmarked graves at a former native residential school **underscoring** the historic mistreatment the Native community has faced. In Canada alone over 1000 unmarked graves of native children have been found, showcasing historic mistreatment and human rights abuses,

Whereas: The United States, Canadian, and Florida governments have neglected to investigate the human rights abuses of indigenous peoples for years, even though they remain responsible for the **ethnic** cleansing and relocation of indigenous and First Nations peoples,

Whereas: Florida State University has historically acted with complicity in the removal and relocation of Native Americans during its founding in 1851,

Whereas: Florida State University is in a unique position to lead by example for all colleges residing on indigenous land and pledges support for the native and indigenous communities in this time of grieving and beyond,

Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that: Florida State University pledges its full support for native and indigenous rights movements and reaffirms its commitment to educating the student body about Indigenous communities.

Be it further resolved that: Florida State University stands with indigenous and First Nation communities in this trying time and offers support to its Indigenous rights movements.

Be it further resolved that: Florida State University Senate urges the reading of the Land Acknowledgement during all official SGA proceedings as a reminder of the Indigenous lives lost during colonization and beyond.

Be it further resolved that: Florida State University Student Senate calls for increased government investigations regarding rampant human rights abuses towards the native community.

Be it further resolved that: Florida State University Student Senate urges the FSU Office of Governmental Affairs to lobby the Florida Government in support of Native American welfare and human rights.

Be it further resolved that: a copy of this Resolution be sent to the following:

- Nastassia Janvier, Student Body President
- Colbi Thykadavil** Student Body Vice President
- Kahleel** Gray, Florida State University Student Body Treasurer
- Alexander Harmon, Florida State University Student Senate President
- Renee Wang, Florida State University Student Senate Pro-Tempore
- Dr. Felicia Williams, Florida State University Director of Student Engagement
- Dr. Amy Hecht, Florida State University Vice President of Student Affairs
- Rawan Abhari** Director of The Office of Governmental Affairs
- Ariel Trueba** Deputy Director of The Office of Governmental Affairs

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Alexander Harmon

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Student Senate President

**ACCLIMATION
PASSED: SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**