



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

**Resolution #: 81**

**Primary Sponsor:** Tackett, Gonzalez

**Whereas:** SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is the nation's most important anti-hunger program that qualifying individuals can apply for to receive assistance in the purchase of food, and

**Whereas:** In Florida, 13% of the population utilized SNAP benefits or roughly 2,847,000 people in 2019. That is 1 out of 8 people which is higher than the national average of 1 out of 9 people, and

**Whereas:** 1 out of 3 college students face food insecurity nationally. That statistic has been expected to rise with the COVID-19 pandemic causing mass job loss and supply chain shortages, many college students faced food insecurity for the first time, and

**Whereas:** 8,729 undergraduate students received a need-based Pell Grant in the 2021-2022 academic year. Many of these students are EBT recipients or are qualifying, and

**Whereas:** There are no EBT terminals on-campus for students to use their benefits. These students must use their limited funds to purchase food on campus, and

**Whereas:** With a few modifications, it is likely that the POD Market would be able to house an EBT terminal for students to use their benefits, and

**Whereas:** The universities contract with ARAMARK has limited or eradicated the utilization of anti-hunger programs such as "Swipe Out Hunger", and

**Whereas:** The FSU Food for Thought Pantry is a resource on campus for any student in need. The Pantry is open from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday and is located in University Center A, Suite 4148.

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that:** the University does an assessment of possible EBT terminal locations on campus and puts forth an effort to make any necessary accommodations to provide the terminals in qualifying locations.

**Be it further resolved that:** the Senate Press Secretary makes a social media graphic advertising the hours, location, and services offered by the Food for Thought Pantry and advertise the graphic on SGA senate social media, and

**Be it further resolved that:** a copy of this resolution is sent to:  
Kyle Clark, Vice President of Finance and Administration  
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs  
Dr. Bowden, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs  
Nastassia "Tazzy" Janvier, Student Body Vice President  
John Myer, Director of Operations of Seminole Dining  
Jacalyn Butts, SGA Senate Program Advisor

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Student Senate President

**Senate Vote:** Unanimous Consent  
**PASSED:** November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021