



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## 74<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

**Resolution #:** 65

**Primary Sponsor:** Anderson

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Schindler, Wyatt, Suarez

**Date:** October 6th, 2022

**Whereas:** Maura's Voice Research Fund provides a unique and robust focus on researching and responding to the complex causes and effects of hate-based violence, with a focus on preventing violence against women and girl, and

**Whereas:** The fund is a new initiative dedicated to reversing this profound failure of societal intelligence and moral will, and

**Whereas:** The fund looks to support basic research, forensic evaluation, and interventions strategies, while supporting sound policy development and implementation, and

**Whereas:** On November 2nd, 2018, Maura Binkley lost her life in a multiple victim shooting at a Tallahassee, Florida yoga studio, along with FSU faculty member, Dr. Nancy Van Vesse, and

**Whereas:** The fund was established in memory of Maura Binkley and will serve as a lasting tribute to the vision and commitment of dedicating their efforts to deepening the scientific understanding of and the effective responses to the intersection of hatred and violence in America, and

**Whereas:** Crimes against women are not considered hate crimes under Florida State Statutes, and

**Whereas:** Therefore, crimes against women are not required to be reported as hate crimes to the federal government when they occur in Florida, and

**Whereas:** Maura Binkley's family has been working with the College of Social Work and Department of Criminology faculty towards educating legislators about adding bias-motivated interpersonal violence against women to be classified as a hate crime in the state of Florida and Georgia, and

**Whereas:** Maura's Voice has a memorial service every year on November 2nd, and

**Whereas:** This year the memorial will be at the Integration Statue from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm on November 2nd.

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** The Student Senate formally recognizes Maura's Voice research foundation and supports and advocates for survivors, including those who may have been affected by hate crimes against women, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The Student Senate recognizes the positive impact of the goal and mission of Maura's Voice and commends its efforts to increase awareness, support research,

and create a safer future for generations to come within not only the greater Tallahassee community but the entirety of Florida, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The Executive Branch and Student Senate Press Secretaries are strongly encouraged to promote resources and programming related to Maura's Voice, The FSU College of Social Work, and Department of Criminology, especially during the week of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and

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

Ron DeSantis, Governor of Florida  
Marco Rubio, United States Senator  
Rick Scott, United States Senator  
Al Lawson, United States Representative  
Neal Dunn, United States Representative  
Richard McCullough, Florida State University President  
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs  
Craig Stanley, College of Social Work Interim Dean  
Colette Podgorski, College of Social Work Director of Development  
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President  
Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President  
Khamare Garner, Executive Branch Press Secretary  
Ashley Allen, Student Senate Press Secretary  
Jeff Binkley, Maura's Voice Co-Founder

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*Abriel Hunter*

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**Student Senate President**

**Senate Vote: PASSES BY ACCLIMATION  
PASSED: October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**