

74th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 39 Primary Sponsor: Rivers, Diaz

Co-Sponsor(s): Burton, Clermont, DeChick, Drackley, Folwell, Garner, Kariher, Pedraja,

Russell, Suarez

Whereas: On May 14th, 2022, a mass shooting occurred at Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo, New York, an area with a predominant Black population, and

Whereas: It has now become known that the perpetrator of this domestic terrorist attack drove more than 200 miles in order to target members of the Black community, as evidenced by his weapon enshrined with an anti-Black racial slur, and an online diary that detailed premeditated planning of an attack on the Black community, and

Whereas: The attacker was motivated by the conspiracy theory that there are plots to reduce the global influence of White people by "replacing" them in society, and

Whereas: This led to ten people losing their lives due to the heinous actions of the perpetrator, with three more being wounded, and

Whereas: Just 10 days later, on May 24th, another gunman entered Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, and killed nineteen children and two teachers, injuring eighteen others, and

Whereas: The victims of the shooting in Uvalde were predominately members of the Hispanic and Latinx communities, and were mostly third and fourth grade children whose lives were cut far too short, partly as a result of the failings of law enforcement authorities to quickly and adequately respond to the situation, and

Whereas: These avoidable tragedies have left gaping holes in the communities they have affected, and have left many in these communities in a state of shock and grief, and

Whereas: The Student Senate recognizes that the mental health of many students at Florida State University may be adversely impacted by these and other senseless tragedies that have taken place, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate expresses its most profound condolences to the families of victims affected by the attack in Buffalo, New York: Celestine Chaney, 65; Roberta A. Drury, 32; Andre Mackniel, 53; Katherine Massey, 72; Margus D. Morrison, 52; Heyward Patterson, 67; Geraldine Talley, 62; Ruth Whitfield, 86; Pearl Young, 77; Aaron Salter Jr., 55; and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate also wishes to express its most profound condolences to the families of victims affected by the attack in Uvalde, Texas: Makenna Lee Elrod, 10; Layla Salazar, 11; Maranda Mathis, 11; Nevaeh Bravo, 10; Jose Manuel Flores Jr., 10; Xavier Lopez, 10; Tess Marie Mata, 10; Rojelio Torres, 10; Eliahna "Ellie" Amyah Garcia, 9; Eliahna A. Torres, 10; Annabell Guadalupe Rodriguez, 10; Jackie Cazares, 9; Uziyah Garcia; Jayce Carmelo Luevanos, 10; Maite Yuleana Rodriguez, 10; Jailah Nicole Silguero, 10;

Irma Garcia, 48; Eva Mireles, 44; Amerie Jo Garza, 10; Alexandria "Lexi" Aniyah Rubio, 10; Alithia Ramirez, 10; and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate appreciates, and reiterates its support for, the Black and Hispanic/Latinx Student Unions at Florida State University for being homes and safe spaces for their respective student populations on this University's campus, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate wishes to uplift some of the resources available to students for counseling so that they may take care of their mental health in these difficult times, including FSU Counseling and Psychological Services (850-644-TALK) and FSU Case Management Services (850-644-9555), and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate Press Secretary is encouraged to promote these resources to the Student Body via available social media outlets, and

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

Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Carlos J. Gomez, Director of FSU Counseling & Psychological Services

Dr. Yvonne Langdon-Maduekwe, Asst. Director, Counseling & Psychological Services

Tyler Shannon, Director of FSU Case Management Services

Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President

Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President

Jasen Louis, President of the Black Student Union

Daymee Sanchez, Outgoing Director of the Hispanic/Latinx Student Union Erick Jarquin, Nominee for Director of the Hispanic/Latinx Student Union Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

Dr. Félicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement

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Senate Vote: 6/1/2022 PASSED: UNANIMOUS CONSENT