

74th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 42
Primary Sponsor: Kariher
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Whereas: June is recognized as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ+) Pride Month in the United States to commemorate the Stonewall Riots, which occurred in NYC June of 1969 due to police violence and discrimination against the LGBTQ+ community, and

Whereas: The Pride Student Union at Florida State University was formed shortly after the Stonewall Riots as the "People's Coalition for Gay Rights" in 1969 and then became the "Pride Student Union" in 2005, and

Whereas: The Pride Student Union at Florida State University celebrates its Pride Month in October of each year by planning and hosting events all month, as well as paying guest speakers to share their testimonies and words of encouragement, and

Whereas: Students in the State of Florida have reported feeling unsafe, targeted, and discriminated against in public and private schools due to recent legislation passed by the Florida Legislature, and

Whereas: Transgender students under the age of 18 are being prevented from participating in sports and being denied gender-inclusive/transitioning healthcare, which blocks potential athletes from being scouted and recruited, and ultimately damages the diversity of our student sports teams and Student Body, and

Whereas: Students at Florida State University that are apart of the LGBTQ+ community have reported they do not feel safe on campus due to the lack of inclusivity, the use of slurs, and rude remarks related to their LGBTQ+ identity, and

Whereas: The Health Insurance offered to the employees at Florida State University does not cover gender affirming care and there is limited accessibility to information regarding gender affirming healthcare providers in the community, and

Whereas: According to the CDC's most recent HIV Surveillance report, Georgia and Florida had the most patients diagnosed with HIV, with Black gay men and transgender women being disproportionately affected by HIV, and

Whereas: Students, faculty, and staff have limited information about access to preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure-prophylaxis (PEP) through the University Health Services at Florida State University, and

Whereas: The University Health Services at Florida State University does not provide CLIA-waved 4th Generation Rapid HIV Tests as recommended by CDC guidelines, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Florida State University Student Senate and Student Body annually recognizes and honors the nationwide Pride Month in June and Florida State University's Pride Month in October, and

Be it further resolved that: The Seventy-fourth Student Senate and subsequent Student Senates are highly encouraged and urged to practice the use of inclusive language and the use of personal pronouns, and

Be it further resolved that: The Seventy-fourth Student Senate Press Secretary and subsequent Senate Press Secretaries are encouraged to publicize posts and items related to Pride Month and consult Senators that are apart of the LGBTQ+ community for content related to Pride Month, and

Be it further resolved that: The Seventy-fourth Student Senate and subsequent Senates are highly encouraged and recommended to attend LGBTQ+ training initiatives such as "Allies and Safe Zones," and

Be it further resolved that: The Seventy-fourth Student Senate and subsequent Student Senates commit to taking swift and appropriate action in the event of a Senator bullying or discriminating against other Senators, students, faculty, and/or staff, and

Be it further resolved that: The Seventy-fourth Student Senate urges Florida State University's administration to annually recognize both Pride Month in June and the Florida State University's Pride Month in October, and

Be it further resolved that: The Seventy-fourth Student Senate urges Florida State University's administration to remedy healthcare inequality for their employees by advocating for non-discriminatory health insurance coverage for LGBTQ+ faculty and staff, and

Be it further resolved that: The Seventy-fourth Student Senate urges University Health Services at Florida State University to approach Florida Department of Health about supplying the Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness with CLIA-Waived 4th Generation Tests and to follow the 'Same Day PrEP Prescribing' processes as recommended by the CDC, and

Be it further resolved that: The Seventy-fourth Student Senate urges the University Health Services at Florida State University to modify their website to include information about PrEP, PEP, HIV, student insurance coverage, and gender affirming healthcare services in the community, and

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

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Angela Chong, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Felicia Williams, Florida State University Director of Student Engagement

Dr. Amy Magnuson, Florida State University Health and Wellness Director

Dr. Christopher DeLisle, Florida State University Health and Wellness Medical Director Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President

Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President

Sam Diaz, Student Senate President

Alden Drackley, Student Senate Pro Tempore Ashley Allen, Student Senate Press Secretary Ash Soto, Director of Pride Student Union

Marcus Williams, Center Director of Pride Student Union

Grace Wilson Fennema, Advisor of Pride Student Union

DocuSigned by: 6/23/2022 | 3:16 PM EDT OFFICIAL: Student Senate President

> **SENATE VOTE: 16-0-2** PASSED: June 22nd, 2022