

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

Resolution #: 50
Primary Sponsor: Diaz, Rivers
Co-Sponsor(s):

**Whereas:** Voting is one of the most important ways that citizens can make their voice be heard in a representative democracy such as that of the United States, and

**Whereas:** National Register to Vote Day, scheduled to take place on September 20th this year, is an annual "non-partisan civic holiday celebrating our democracy," according to the National Register to Vote Day website, and

**Whereas:** The same website notes, "According to U.S. Census data from 2020, as many as 1 in 4 eligible Americans are not registered to vote. Every year, millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they miss a registration deadline, don't update their registration, or aren't sure how to register. National Voter Registration Day wants to make sure everyone has the opportunity to vote," and

**Whereas:** Voters in Florida have the opportunity to vote in upcoming elections for U.S. Senator, Governor, Congressional and State representatives, and for local and municipal offices, which are scheduled to take place on November 8, 2022, and

Whereas: In Florida, the deadline to register to vote in time for the 2022 general election is October 11, 2022, and

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**Whereas:** A new voting location will be available to all members of the FSU community to utilize in SSB 201 throughout Leon County's early voting period from October 24 – November 5 from 10am-6pm, and

**Whereas:** Students can find information relating to registering to vote, checking their voter registration status, learning about changing their addresses to their on-or-off-campus housing, vote-by-mail options, and more, by visiting vote.fsu.edu or studentvote.org, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate proclaims and celebrates Tuesday, September 20, 2022, as National Register to Vote Day, and encourages every member of the FSU community to register to vote in time for the midterm general elections on November 8th if they have not already, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The 74th Student Senate encourages out-of-state students to be informed of the relevant election laws and deadlines in their home state, or change their registration to their Tallahassee housing address to also participate in the exercise of their civic responsibility this Fall, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The 74th Student Senate encourages all members of the FSU community to vote in the General Elections to be held on November 8, 2022, in Florida or in their home state, through whichever voting method is easiest for them, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The Student Senate and Executive Branch Press Secretaries are highly encouraged to post voting information and empowerment resources on their pertinent social media accounts, and

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

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Mark S. Earley, Leon County Supervisor of Elections
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President
Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President
Spencer Greenwood, SGA Supervisor of Elections
Khamare Garner, Executive Branch Press Secretary
Ashley Allen, Student Senate Press Secretary
Rodney Wells, Executive Branch Director of External Affairs
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director for Student Governance and Advocacy

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Student Senate President

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SENATE VOTE: Acclimation PASSED: September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022