

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 76

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Whereas: The Florida State University community comprises a diverse and inclusive body of students, representing a multitude of backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs, who come together to foster a spirit of unity and understanding, and

Whereas: The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has a profound impact on the international community, with perspectives and experiences of our student body varying widely, and

Whereas: We acknowledge the Arab population at Florida State University may feel underrepresented by the recent statement from President Richard McCullough, which did not acknowledge the full capacity of loss this conflict has brought upon the region and the consequent emotional implications on the student body, and

Whereas: We recognize and sympathize with Jewish and Israeli members of the Student Body who may feel afraid and targeted by the global rise of antisemitism and the tangible implications of the violent and ongoing conflict, and

Whereas: It is of paramount importance for Florida State University to uphold its commitment to providing a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for all students, irrespective of their national origin or personal beliefs, and

Whereas: It is essential that the FSU Student Senate recognizes the importance of empathy, dialogue, and respect among students during times of heightened tension or conflict, and

Whereas: The FSU Student Senate is committed to fostering an atmosphere of neutrality, where every student is encouraged to express their perspectives on global events and conflicts, including the Israeli-Palestinian situation, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: We stand in support of all Florida State University students, irrespective of their position or views regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We reaffirm its dedication to providing resources and support to students who may be affected by global conflicts, and to ensuring their academic and personal well-being while encouraging open, constructive, and respectful dialogue among students, fostering an environment where diverse perspectives can be shared and respected, and

Be it further resolved that: The FSU Senate calls upon all members of the university community to maintain a commitment to diversity, inclusivity, and mutual understanding, and to reject discrimination or harassment based on national origin or personal beliefs, thereby reinforcing the Senate's unwavering commitment to the welfare and unity of all its students and

promoting a culture of respectful dialogue and inclusivity in the face of complex global issues, and

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University Dr. Jai Vartikar, First Lady of Florida State University Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs of Florida State University Amanda Press, Director of Jewish Student Union Haima Humeda, President of Arab Student Union

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Student Senate President

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