



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 49

Primary Sponsor: Hine

Co-Sponsor(s): Alvarez, Butrum, Chehaitli, Gomez, Gorelick

Date: June 12, 2023

Whereas: The month of June is nationally recognized as Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots in 1969 and to celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQIA+) individuals, and

Whereas: On June 6th, 2023, the Human Rights Campaign officially declared a state of emergency for LGBTQ+ individuals in the United States following what it deems an unprecedented and dangerous spike in anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation, and

Whereas: The Human Rights Campaign notes that 2023 has been a record-breaking year for anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation, as over 525 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills were introduced in 41 states, with 76 of those being signed into law as of June 5th, 2023, and

Whereas: The organization furthers that as of May 2023, the Florida legislature has passed six laws deemed anti-LGBTQIA+, more than the last seven years combined, and

Whereas: With the growing number of anti-LGBTQIA+ laws, students across the country have expressed that they feel unsafe and unrepresented in schools through petition, protest, and other avenues, and

Whereas: The Pride Student Union, located on the third floor of the FSU Student Union, stands to advocate for LGBTQIA+ rights on campus, and has expressed the worry of LGBTQIA+ people at FSU and their ability to stay safe on campus, therefore


Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate condemns these legislative attacks against LGBTQIA+ individuals across the United States, acknowledging their impact on members of our own University's student body, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate stands in support of Florida State University's LGBTQIA+ students as well as members of the community across the country who feel the impacts of this wave of legislation, and

Be it further resolved that: This body encourages Florida State University to speak out against all types of identity-based discrimination, and to promote its resources available for the LGBTQIA+ community, including the Pride Student Union, a University entity whose mission statement is “to advocate for, empower, and provide community spaces for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people within both the FSU and Tallahassee communities,” and

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Dr. Richard McCullough, President, Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Andy Johnson, Program Director, Student Governance and Advocacy
Nicole (Nick) Fernandez-Greene, Executive Director, Pride Student Union
Ripley Melvin, Assistant Director, Pride Student Union
Elias Goeckel, Center Director, Pride Student Union

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Student Senate President

**SENATE VOTE: PASSED BY ACCLAMATION
PASSED: June 21st, 2023**