



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 52

Primary Sponsor: Sparling

Co-Sponsor(s): Bevis, Denning, Shaver, A. White

Date: 06/15/2023

Whereas: The 19th of June is nationally recognized as Juneteenth to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas in 1865, and

Whereas: the emancipation in Galveston was two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Lincoln, prolonging the long-overdue freedoms of Black Americans, and

Whereas: the 19th of June has been celebrated annually by Americans but not federally observed until President Biden signed a bill in 2021, and

Whereas: Juneteenth provides an opportunity for reflection and education on the ongoing legacy of slavery, and

Whereas: the Black Student Union, located at 921 W. Jefferson St., stands to provide an atmosphere of unity on campus and expand opportunities for minorities, and

Whereas: as of June 2023, the Florida legislature has passed laws that could jeopardize federal funding for activities that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, and

Whereas: Florida State University values and embraces diversity, promoting an inclusive environment that encourages cultural understanding and appreciation, and

Whereas: Florida State University acknowledges Juneteenth as a holiday by closing the university for students and staff, and therefore


Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: we recognize and celebrate Juneteenth on June 19th, 2023, and

Be it further resolved that: the Student Senate stands in support of Florida State University's black 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: the Seventy-fifth Student Senate asks the Florida State University community to consider Juneteenth an opportunity to reflect on our nation's history and continue to engage in conversations about how we can work towards a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable community

Be it further resolved that: a copy of this resolution is sent to:
Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Andrew Johnson, Program Director of Student Governance and Advocacy
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs at Florida State University
Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President
Joseph Cofer, Summer Student Senate President
Michael Delcin, Black Student Union President
Autumn Anderson, Director of DEI

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Student Senate President

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