THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

75th STUDENT SENATE
Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 51

Primary Sponsor: A. White, Baez
Co-Sponsor(s): Alvarez, Bevis, Shaver, Sparling, Waller
Date: 13 June 2023

Whereas: SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is the nation's most important anti-hunger program that qualifying individuals can apply for to receive assistance in the purchase of food, and

Whereas: In Florida, 13% of the population utilized SNAP benefits or roughly 2,847,100 people in the fiscal year of 2022. That is 1 out of 8 people which is higher than the national average of 1 out of 9 people, and

Whereas: In Leon County, 67% of the residential population's annual income is below SNAP and Other Nutrition Programs threshold requirements of 200% poverty, and

Whereas: 1 out of 3 college students face food insecurity nationally as many college students faced food insecurity for the first time, and

Whereas: 489,472 undergraduate students received a need-based Pell Grant in the 2022 academic year. Many of these students are EBT recipients or are qualifying, and

Whereas: The Florida State University Department of Student Support and Transitions website teaches students about Snap Benefits/Assistance programs included, but not limited to, how to apply, and

Whereas: There is currently only one EBT terminal location on the Florida State University campus at Provisions on Demand and one in process of being implemented at The Trading Post, and

Whereas: The Seminole Dining website does not list SNAP or EBT as an accepted form of payment at the EBT terminal on the Florida State University campus, and

Whereas: There are no online resources to find an EBT terminal on the Florida State University campus, and

Whereas: This lack of advertising directly leads to a lack of accessibility of the EBT terminals for students in need, and

Whereas: An EBT terminal location map, similar to the Center of Health and Wellness' Condom Map, could exponentially impact students in need. Most students on Florida State University campus could not tell you where an EBT terminal is located.

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: the Senate collaborate with Seminole Dining to perform an accurate assessment of EBT terminal locations and collaborate with Student Publications' Graphic Designers to put forth an honest and eager effort to create an accessible and legible list of dining locations that accept EBT on Florida State University's campus, and

Be it further resolved that: the Senate Press Secretary collaborate with Student Publications to print physical copies of this EBT Terminal Location List and post nearby EBT terminal locations, and

Be it further resolved that: the Senate collaborate with Seminole Dining to add EBT to the list of accepted forms of payment listed on the official website (seminoledining.campusdish.com) for Seminole Dining's Provisions on Demand and The Trading Post and any other qualifying locations on Florida State University campus, and

Be it further resolved that: the Senate send the list of EBT Terminal Locations to the Department of Student Support and Transitions with a request for the Department to add EBT terminal locations on Florida State University Campus to their SNAP/Accepted Benefits article on the Department's website, and

Be it further resolved that: the Senate Press Secretary make a social media graphic advertising the EBT Terminals on campus and advertise the graphic on SGA Senate social media.

Be it further resolved that: a copy of this resolution is sent to:
Kyle Clark, Vice President of Finance and Administration
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Bowden, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs
John Meyer, Director of Operations of Seminole Dining
Dr. Shelley Ducatt, Director of Student Support and Transition
Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President
Nina Chong, Student Body Vice President

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Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
PASSED: July 19th, 2023