

## **76<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution**

Resolution #: 34

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Vargheese, Zuloaga **Date:** March 11th, 2024

**Whereas:** Ramadan is the 9th month in the Islamic calendar, in which Muslims all over the world take this time to fast, pray, reflect, and engage within their community, and

**Whereas:** Over two billion Muslims worldwide come together every Ramadan to participate in their duties throughout the 30-day period, and

**Whereas:** Monday, March 11th, commemorated the start of the holy month with the first fast, as it will subsequently conclude with the Eid celebration on April 11<sup>th</sup>, and

**Whereas:** Muslim students here at Florida State University actively participate in this rigorous yet fulfilling month, often with little recognition for this significant religious event, emphasizing the need for greater campus awareness, and

Whereas: Florida State University's dedication to diversity and inclusion calls for the acknowledgment and support of Ramadan, aiming to ensure that Muslim students feel valued and respected during this period, and

**Whereas:** Ramadan offers a unique opportunity for the FSU community to engage in intercultural exchange and learning, as it is crucial in enriching the campus experience for all students, faculty, and staff, and

Be it resolved by the Seventy-Sixth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The 76th Student Senate recognizes the month of Ramadan and commends all Muslim students who observe this time at FSU. It further advocates and encourages for the University to utilize its social media platforms and other communication channels to educate the campus community about Ramadan, promoting an atmosphere of understanding, respect, and inclusion.

Be it further resolved that: University Communications is also encouraged to collaborate with the Muslim Student Union, Arab Student Union, the Middle East Center, and other various SGA entities to effectively publicize the Muslim community's activities and contributions on campus during Ramadan. This partnership aims to enhance visibility, foster understanding, and celebrate the diverse cultural practices and religious observances within the FSU community.

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this Resolution be sent to: Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Andy Johnson, Program Director, Student Governance and Advocacy Autumn Anderson, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Faisal Alathel, President of the Muslim Student Union Zeina Schlenoff, Director, FSU Middle East Center Bana Habash, President, Arab Student Union Bayard Stern, Social Media Manager, FSU University Communications

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**Student Senate President** 

**SENATE VOTE:** Passed by Acclamation **PASSED:** March 20, 2024