

76th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 38

Primary Sponsor(s): Chinn, McEnery **Co-Sponsor(s):** Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: 3/19/2024

Whereas: Access to emergency contraception is a critical component of healthcare, promoting autonomy, and preventing unintended pregnancies, and

Whereas: the Florida State University campus is a place of diverse populations where students may encounter situations requiring emergency contraception; including instances of contraceptive failure, sexual assault, or unprotected intercourse, and

Whereas: studies have shown that timely access to emergency contraception significantly reduces the risk of unintended pregnancies and empowers individuals to make informed decisions about their personal sexual health, and

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Whereas: limited access to emergency contraception due to factors such as cost, stigmatization, or a lack of availability/accessibility can pose significant barriers to individuals seeking timely and effective healthcare, and

Whereas: According to an AP News article in 2023; 39 universities in 17 states now have emergency contraceptive vending machines, demonstrating feasibility and demand for an improvement in access to emergency contraception;

Be it resolved by the Seventy-Sixth Student Senate at Florida State University that:

Florida State University acknowledges the importance of ensuring access to emergency contraception to its student population and commits to installing sexual health vending machines in strategic locations across campus such as; the Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness, the Robert Manning Strozier Library, the Dirac Science Library, and the Student Union; to provide convenient and confidential access to emergency contraception at any time.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to: Rose Rezaei, Director of the Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness Zabe Thompson, Assistant Director of the Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness Esaunti McRae, Prevention Coordinator of the Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness Gale Etschmaier, Dean of University Libraries Susannah Miller, Associate Dean of Administration Debra Hanken Kurts, Associate Dean for Technology and Digital Scholarship Darrien Simmons, Director of the Student Union Michael Fine, Associate Director of the Student Union Amy Magnuson, Director of University Health Services Sherrell Cork, Associate Director at Office of Business Services

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Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: Unanimous Consent

PASSED: March 27, 2024

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