

76th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 41

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Whereas: Alcohol Awareness Month is observed in the month of April with the purpose of raising awareness and understanding of alcohol abuse, which can lead to chronic illness that affects people's physical and mental health. Advocacy groups like the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence provide resources and support designed to promote better drinking habits, as well as education regarding the risks of alcohol consumption, and

Whereas: The number of deaths resulting from excessive alcohol use in the U.S. hovers around 140,000 annually. As a leading cause of death and injury, it contributes to conditions like liver disease, cardiovascular problems, cancer, and mental disorders. This dangerous lifestyle can be suppressed through health campaigns and public policy change, and

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Whereas: Reports show that underage youth make up 3.2% of all alcohol consumption and that 90% of that youth population engages in binge drinking. School-based programs and media campaigns can be utilized to reduce the risk and influence of alcoholism on younger populations, and

Whereas: Florida State University provides support services and courses like SMART Choices through the Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness and evaluations like AOD through Counseling & Psychological Services for both those in violation of campus policies and those who are merely curious about consequences related to substance abuse, and

Whereas: There are multiple organizations and programs on campus committed to alcohol awareness issues like safety, stress, and policy. They are urged to use this month to educate the student body and promote their mission and accessibility of their services, and

Be it resolved by the Seventy-Sixth Student Senate at Florida State University that: the Florida State University Student Senate recognizes and honors the nationwide Alcohol Awareness Month in April, and

Be it further resolved that: the University recognizes University Health Services for their resources that raise awareness for the risk alcohol abuse poses to students. Florida State University should boost these services and continue the promotion of healthy habits among the general student body, and

Be it further resolved that: a copy of this resolution be sent to the following:

Richard McCullough, President at Florida State University

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Felicia Williams, Director, Student Engagement

Michael Alford, VP and Director of Athletics

Andy Johnson, Program Director, Student Governance & Advocacy

Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President

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Amy Magnuson, Director of Oversight and Direction of University Health Services (UHS)

Dr. Christopher DeLisle, Medical Director for University Health Services (UHS)

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SENATE VOTE: Passed by Acclamation **PASSED:** March 27, 2024