

76th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 48

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Date: 3/18/24

Whereas: National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month is celebrated in March by displaying support and advocating for the community living with Cerebral Palsy. The Month aims to disseminate awareness of the challenges individuals face, promote inclusivity, and acknowledge the need for increased research initiatives. Advocacy is currently centered around increasing research initiatives towards CP to detect it early in children and prevent it altogether.

Whereas: Cerebral palsy (CP) is a permanent disability that influences a person's mobility and muscle strength (coordination and communication). People with CP need to concentrate more on their movements and sequence of actions than others, so they tire more easily. It may cause learning difficulties at school, which presents challenges to incorporating into the workforce.

Whereas: Cerebral Palsy is the leading cause of childhood disabilities. Most of those children are born with it, while a tenth of the population of children in the U.S. develop CP due to injuries to the developing brain. 3 in 4 children with cerebral palsy experience pain as a result of impairments, and 1 in 3 children with cerebral palsy cannot walk or sit independently at two years of age. While CP affects children within the first two years of life, early detection can help mitigate the traumatic effects into childhood.

Whereas: Individuals with CP might face other health issues later in life, such as spinal and hip abnormalities, due to these challenges. It may affect their behavior, ability to do things for themselves, and social relationships. Consequently, individuals are prone to emotional problems, which may lead them to avoid daily tasks such as attending school and social events.

Be it resolved by the Seventy-Sixth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate suggests the Accessibility Council meet with RSOs on campus as they work closely with individuals on campus and the Tallahassee community, to get insight into their needs.

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate urges OAS and the Accessibility Council to work in conjunction in a continuous effort to prioritize the physical accessibility needs of these individuals to facilitate their everyday lives and in case of emergency.

Be it finally resolved that a copy of this Resolution be sent to:

Dr. Shelley Ducatt, Director of Student Support & Transitions
Amber Wagner, Director of Office of Accessibility Services
Joe Del Vecchio, Chairman of the Florida Accessibility Advisory Council

OFFICIAL: _____  **Student Senate President** 4/1/2024 | 1:34 PM PDT

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