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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Second Student Body Senate
Proclamation 52-19**

[Proclamation Recognizing March 31st, 2021 as Transgender Visibility Day]

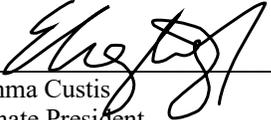
WHEREAS, Senate Rule 2.03(G) (1) states that the Student Body Advocacy (SBA) Committee is to pass measures advocating on behalf of the student body regarding student and university affairs at the University of Central Florida (UCF);
WHEREAS, Senate Rule 5.01 (D) (1) states that Proclamations are defined as measures recognizing or celebrating extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;
WHEREAS, Transgender Visibility Day began March 31st, 2009 by Transgender Right's Activist Rachel Crandall,
WHEREAS, Transgender Right's Activist Rachel Crandall started Trans Visibility Day out of frustration with the fact that the only day recognizing Trans individuals was Transgender Day of Remembrance, which honors trans members of the LGBTQ+ community who have passed;
WHEREAS, 1.8% of youth identify as transgender;
WHEREAS, Transgender Visibility Day is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating trans people around the world, as well as raising awareness for the issues they face;
WHEREAS, Transgender students have faced significant legal discrimination that essentially conceals their true identity;
WHEREAS, According to transequity.org, 59% of trans students have been denied access to restrooms consistent with their gender identity;
WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Services, along with a plethora of RSOs that represent LGBTQ+ Students, have organized a week of events in support of trans students and ensuring their visibility and support on campus;
WHEREAS, Civil rights victories won by trans activists have expanded judicial recognition of constitutional protections for gender identity and expression, and provided a greater number of people with the basic protections needed to ensure human dignity and self-determination;
WHEREAS, These rights are still not universally guaranteed, with laws varying by state and locality and regressive measures still being pursued;
WHEREAS, As a result of determined activism and advocacy, trans people now serve as religious and educational leaders, famous athletes, reach the highest levels of athletic competition, star in film and television, and serve in prominent government positions;
WHEREAS, Trans people serving in high roles of leadership and fame is only the start to reversing many years of tragic exclusion;
WHEREAS, UCF offers many services on campus to assist trans students, such as the LGBTQ+ Services and lab test and hormone replacements through the Health Center, which deserve to be highlighted; and
WHEREAS, Transgender students on campus and around the world deserve to be recognized and honored for their contributions to society, their bravery, and their resilience.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Second Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that the University of Central Florida recognizes this holiday and supports the events being hosted the week of;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Government of the University of Central Florida should take measures to end discriminatory and harmful provisions in policies and laws in order to build a more inclusive campus for all students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Social Justice and Advocacy, LGBTQ+ Services, Pride Student Association, and Lavender Council.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES



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Senate President

03/23/21
Date



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