STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2017-111

TITLE: Resolution Celebrating Pride Month 2017 and LGBTQ+ Students

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WHEREAS, in 2000 President Bill Clinton declared June “Gay and Lesbian Pride Month[1];” and,

WHEREAS, in 2009 President Barack Obama declared June “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month[1];” and,

WHEREAS, the month of June was selected because of the Stonewall Riots which occurred in June of 1969[2]; and,

WHEREAS, the month now serves as a time to celebrate the community, remember its history, and honor the lives that have been lost; and,

WHEREAS, the Pride Flag was created by Gilbert Baker in Northern California in 1978[3]; and,

WHEREAS, the Pride Flag has become a unifying symbol for the LGBTQ+ community; and,

WHEREAS, 2017 marks the death of the creator of the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag, Gilbert Baker[4]; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida is made up of students, faculty, and staff of diverse backgrounds.
THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate celebrates the significance of Pride Month and the history behind it for the LGBTQ+ community.

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate remembers the lives of Gilbert Baker and other members of the LGBTQ+ community, and their positive impacts on the LGBTQ+ community and the world.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate continuously supports all students regardless of sexuality and gender identity, and supports the many aspects of students that create their intersectional identities, which help students build a strong and diverse UF community.

Proviso: University President Kent Fuchs, Vice President of Student Affairs David Parrott, Multicultural and Diversity Affairs Director Will Atkins, LBGTQ+ Affairs Director Billy Huff, Executive Director for Student Engagement Nancy Chrystal-Green, Chairman of the LGBTQ+ Advisory Council Wolfgang Sigmund.