

## **Student Government Executive Order 2018-0001**

### **Proclamation of LGBTQ+ Pride Month 2018**

**WHEREAS;** the month of June is celebrated as LGBTQ+ Pride Month, commemorating the 1969 Stonewall Riots<sup>i</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS;** the Stonewall Riots and other important movements for LGBTQ+ equality were led by queer and trans people of color<sup>ii</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS;** the LGBTQ+ community has endured discrimination based on sexuality and gender identity<sup>iii</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS;** the LGBTQ+ community perseveres and continues to fight tirelessly for equality; and,

**WHEREAS;** LGBTQ+ members of the Gator Nation have made strides to promote inclusivity both on and off campus<sup>iv</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS;** the University of Florida community is made up of students of many intersecting identities; and,

**WHEREAS;** the LGBTQ+ community at the University of Florida contributes immensely to the success of the University of Florida; and,

**WHEREAS;** the University of Florida LGBTQ+ hosts Pride Awareness Month in March and April<sup>v</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS;** the University of Florida Student Government remains committed to supporting students and constantly working to become more inclusive and accessible; and,

**WHEREAS;** many positive strides have been made in securing equal rights for the LGBTQ+ community, the fight for equality must continue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, IAN GREEN,** President of the University of Florida Student Body, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the University of Florida Student Body, State of Florida, and the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2018 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. I call upon the student body of the University of Florida to come together, to stand against hate, and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community.

*Proviso: A copy of this proclamation will be sent to the President of the University of Florida, W. Kent Fuchs; Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. David Parrott; Senior Director of Student Engagement, Nancy Chrystal-Green; Senior Director of Multicultural and Diversity Affairs and Associate Dean, Will Atkins; Multicultural and Diversity Affairs - LGBTQ Affairs Director Billy Huff; Pride Student Union President Nate Quinn; Pride Awareness Month Executive Director Andrew McAuley; Faculty Senate Chair David Quillen; and all members of the Student Senate.*



6-18-18

Ian Green, Student Body President

Date

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about/>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://psmag.com/social-justice/taking-freedom-claiming-our-lineage>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/report/2018/02/19/all-we-want-equality/religious-exemptions-and-discrimination-against-lgbt-people>

<sup>iv</sup> <https://lgbtq.multicultural.ufl.edu/resources/students/>

<sup>v</sup> [http://www.alligator.org/news/campus/pride-awareness-month-begins-its-th-years-of-lgbtq-events/article\\_7562f77a-ccb7-11e4-bbf1-1b41a12c189d.html](http://www.alligator.org/news/campus/pride-awareness-month-begins-its-th-years-of-lgbtq-events/article_7562f77a-ccb7-11e4-bbf1-1b41a12c189d.html)