STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2015-1039

TITLE: Resolution Encouraging Motorized Scooter Safety on Campus

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SPONSOR(S): Senator Kylie Werk, Senator Susan Webster, Senator Jake Felder, Rules and Ethics Chairwoman Maddie McClinton, Senator Austin Champoux, Senator Denae Campanale, Senator Drew Baker, Senate President Pro-Tempore Leah Miller, Comprehensive Statute Reform Chairman Ty Robare, Senator Carter Long, Senator Preston Jones

WHEREAS, many University of Florida students use motorized scooters for personal transportation on and off campus; and,

WHEREAS, there were over 52 scooter crashes in the City of Gainesville in 2014\textsuperscript{1}; and,

WHEREAS, in the first six months of 2015, there have been at least three student-involved scooter accidents with serious injuries; and,

WHEREAS, the majority of individuals involved in scooter-related accidents with serious head trauma were not wearing helmets; and,

WHEREAS, current Florida State Law does not require all operators of scooters to wear a helmet\textsuperscript{2}; and,

WHEREAS, wearing helmets has been proven to reduce the severity of head injury sustained during scooter crashes\textsuperscript{3}; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages all students to be aware of the consequences of not wearing helmets when operating motorized scooters; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate promotes increasing efforts for scooter safety awareness.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to UFPD Chief Linda J. Stump-Kurnick, Assistant Vice President of Public and Environmental Safety; Dr. Jen Day Shaw, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students; Dave Kratzer, Vice President of Student Affairs; and Dr. W. Kent Fuchs, President

\textsuperscript{1} \url{http://www.alligator.org/news/local/article_05b02502-502e-11e4-a1a8-43548f9f09d7.html}
\textsuperscript{2} \url{http://www.flhsmv.gov/dms/bulletins/2003/Scooter_fact.htm}
\textsuperscript{3} \url{http://www.ahisa.org/people/injur/alcohol/Archive/Archive/safesobr/OPlanner/protection/cycle.html}
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