Student Senate Resolution 2016-114

Title: Resolution Commemorating Those Affected by the 2016 Pulse Shooting

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WHEREAS, on June 12th, 2016, a mass shooting occurred at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida[1]; and,

WHEREAS, the shooting resulted in at least 49 deaths, and an additional 53 wounded, making it the deadliest mass shooting by a single gunman in U.S. history[1]; and,

WHEREAS, Pulse was known to be a “place of love and acceptance for the LGBTQ community”[2], and is now the site of the largest incident of violence against this community in US history; and,

WHEREAS, Pulse was attacked on “Latin Night;” as a result, over 90% of those killed were of Hispanic/Latinx descent[3]; and,

WHEREAS, this incident has left the Greater Orlando area and its inhabitants shaken due to the immense suffering brought about by the aftermath of such a tragedy; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida is home to LGBTQ+ identifying individuals, members of the Latinx community, residents of Orlando, and individuals who represent intersections of these groups; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has united during this time to donate funds, resources, and blood to the victims and their families[4], confirming that our state bond is stronger than violence; then,
THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate sends its condolences to the victims of the 2016 Pulse Shooting and their families; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the impact of this attack on our unique and diverse community, including, but not limited to, the LGBTQ+ community, the Latinx community, and the Greater Orlando area; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate appreciates the outpour of support from around the State of Florida and beyond in the aftermath of this event.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Dr. Kent Fuchs, Associate Vice President/Dean of Students Dr. Jen Day Shaw, Pride Student Union, Hispanic Student Association, Multicultural and Diversity Affairs Executive Director Lloren Foster, LGBT Affairs Director LB Hannahs, LGBT Affairs Program Coordinator Alandria Mustafa, Hispanic-Latino Affairs Director Gabe Lara, Hispanic-Latino Affairs Program Coordinator Diana Moreno, University of Central Florida Student Body President Christopher Clemente, and the Valencia College Student Government Association


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