STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2017-128

TITLE: Resolution Recognizing Women Empowerment Globally and the International Day of the Girl Child

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WHEREAS, October 11th marked the fifth anniversary of the International Day of the Girl Child, a holiday declared by the United Nations to address the obstacles and needs women face, while promoting equal rights globally; and,

WHEREAS, for decades, women in Saudi Arabia have been fighting for equality by peacefully protesting and voicing their views regardless of the consequences; and,

WHEREAS, Saudi Arabian women were successful in earning the right to vote and run for office in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, on September 26th, Saudi Arabia announced that they will allow women to drive effective June 2018, ending a policy that has symbolized the oppression of women for decades; and,

WHEREAS, although Saudi Arabian women won the battle on driving, they are now shifting focus to end oppressive policies, improve gender interaction, and eliminate guardianship or guardian consent on major activities like travelling and marriage; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida fosters an extensive and diverse community of women leaders through personal development training, raising awareness about domestic and international women’s issues, and strengthening character through social responsibility; and,

WHEREAS, the Women’s Student Association, partnering with multiple organizations, will host a Women’s Leadership Conference that focuses on developing women leaders on campus and emphasizing women empowerment; and,

WHEREAS, as one united Gator Nation, we support women leaders on our campus, in local communities, in the United States, and abroad regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, or socioeconomic status; then,
THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the International Day of the Girl Child and the importance of empowering women in an educational environment.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the end of the ban on women from driving in Saudi Arabia and supports creating gender equality in all regions.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the efforts made by multiple on-campus organizations on the continuous spread of awareness about domestic and international women’s issues.

Ian Green  
Senate President  
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Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Parroti, Interim Dean of Students Heather White

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4 http://www.theweek.co.uk/60339/nine-things-women-cant-do-in-saudi-arabia

5 https://www.facebook.com/ufwsa/