

**STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-124**

**TITLE: Student Senate Resolution Celebrating Pride Month**

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**WHEREAS**, the month of June is celebrated as LGBTQ+ Pride month; and,

**WHEREAS**, members of the LGBTQ+ community continue to endure brutality and discrimination based on their identity and sexual orientation; and,

**WHEREAS**, not all members of this community have a place where they feel accepted and are free to express themselves without fear of prosecution or judgement; and,

**WHEREAS**, as of 2018 only 21 states and Washington D.C. have banned discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity<sup>1</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, The University of Florida has many members of the LGBTQ+ community and offers plentiful resources within the LGBTQ Affairs department for those who need them<sup>2</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, members of the LGBTQ+ community have continuously fought for equal rights and equitable treatment in the United States and elsewhere; and,

**WHEREAS**, members of the LGBTQ+ community have actively worked to promote diversity and tolerance at the University of Florida; and,

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ Pride Month serves as a commemorative month celebrating the victories that have affirmed equality and freedom for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals; then,

1 <https://www.aclu.org/other/past-lgbt-nondiscrimination-and-anti-lgbt-bills-across-country>  
2 <https://lgbtq.multicultural.ufl.edu/>

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate celebrates the positive impact members of the LGBTQ+ community continue to have at the University of Florida.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the LGBTQ+ community in their fight to attain equal rights and equitable treatment.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate strives to create a welcoming community that provides a sanctuary and sense of belonging to all its students.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to President W. Kent Fuchs, Provost Joseph Glover, Multicultural and Diversity Affairs Senior Director Will Atkins, Director of LGBTQ+ Affairs Dr. Billy Huff, Action SG Chairperson Andrew Lo, QTPOC Collective*

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