

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-130

TITLE: Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating the Role of the Americans with Disabilities Act in Protecting Students at the University of Florida

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WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on July 26, 1990 [1]; and,

WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by business open to the public as well as public entities [2]; and,

WHEREAS, A public entity is defined as an instrument, department, or agency of any state or local government; and,

WHEREAS, The University of Florida, as an instrument of the state of Florida, continues to uphold and promote the statutes and ideals espoused in The Americans With Disabilities Act; and,

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of the Americans with Disabilities Act, The University of Florida has created some of the most inclusive housing initiatives, involvement opportunities, and public accommodations for disabled individuals of any top ten public university; and,

WHEREAS, Students and faculty with disabilities at The University of Florida should be aware of the additional resources available and protections provided to them by the Americans with Disabilities Act; and,

WHEREAS, Rights entitled to those with disabilities as well as complaint forms can be found at ADA.gov under sections Title I, Title II, and Title III [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Several complaints and legal actions have recently been brought against several Gainesville businesses and transportation services offered to students including Greyhound Lines Inc. as outlined in Civil Action 16-67-RGA [3]; and,

