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

AUTHOR: Senator Casey Witte

SPONSORS: Chairwoman Audra Weeks, Senator James Cowan, Senator Sam Jenkins, Senator Joel Kratt, and Disability Affairs Cabinet Director Chase Brannan

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,
WHEREAS, It is imperative that The University of Florida Student Government raises awareness of the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure that, should discrimination under any title of the Americans with Disabilities Act affect University of Florida students, the victim(s) of such discrimination have the information to seek proper recourse through The University of Florida ADA Compliance Office, or civil legal action; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of the Americans with Disabilities Act to students at the University of Florida.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes and celebrates the 28th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act being signed into law.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the efforts of the ADA Compliance Office and Disability Resource Center in providing the most inclusive housing opportunities and public accommodations of any top ten public university.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that the University of Florida is fully committed to building a community that promotes access and inclusivity for all students regardless of disability.


Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Kent Fuchs, University of Florida Provost Joseph Glover, Vice President of Student Affairs David Parrott, The Membership of The Reitz Union Board of Managers, Dean of Students Heather White, and Americans With Disabilities Act Compliance Director Kenneth Osfield.


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