

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-132

TITLE: Resolution Encouraging UF Students to Register to Vote, Update Their Voter Registration, and Vote in the 2018 Midterm Elections

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SPONSORS: Senator Lauren Wonicker-Cook, Minority Leader Richard German, Senator Daniel Ospina, Senator Rebecca Ragan, Senator Joel Kratt, Senator Sam Jenkins, Chomp the Vote Chair Dylan Santalo, Gators for Underrepresented Voters, Democracy Matters UF, Bob Graham Center Student Fellows

WHEREAS, the 2018 Florida primary elections will take place on August 28, 2018, and the 2018 midterm elections will take place on November 6, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, registered voters in Florida will have the opportunity to elect the next Governor of Florida, who appoints citizen members to the University of Florida Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, voters across Florida will also have the opportunity to elect officeholders including new members of the Florida Cabinet, the United States House of Representatives, a United States Senator, Florida Representatives and Senators, judges, and city and county representatives; and,

WHEREAS, voters will also have the opportunity to vote on various ballot measures that could impact residents across the Alachua County area and the state of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the deadline for eligible voters to register to vote or change their party affiliation in advance of the August 28, 2018 elections is July 30, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, only about 18% of college students voted in the 2014 midterm elections⁽¹⁾; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate believes that the 2018 midterm elections will be an important opportunity for voters to participate in our nation's democratic systems and have an influence on the future of our local, state, and national politics.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate is grateful for the work of Chomp the Vote, the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections, and other organizations across the Alachua County area that are working to ensure eligible voters are able to make an informed vote in the 2018 midterm elections.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages University of Florida students to do their own research regarding the issues and candidates that will appear on their 2018 midterm election ballot.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages eligible University of Florida students to ensure that they are registered to vote and that their registration is up to date so that they can make their voice heard by voting in the August 28th, 2018 midterm primary elections and the November 6, 2018 midterm general elections.

<https://idhe.tufts.edu/2014-student-voter-turnout>

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Student Body President Ian Green, Student Body Vice President David Enriquez, Student Body Treasurer Stefan Sanguyo, President Kent Fuchs, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. David Parrott, Dean of Students Heather White, Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Kim Barton, and Gainesville Mayor Lauren Poe.

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Date