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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Third Student Body Senate
Proclamation 53-01**

[Proclamation Recognizing June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month]

WHEREAS, Senate Rule 2.03(G) (1) states that the Student Body Advocacy (SBA) Committee is to pass measures advocating on behalf of the student body regarding student and university affairs at the University of Central Florida (UCF);
WHEREAS, Senate Rule 5.01 (D) (1) states that Proclamations are defined as measures recognizing or celebrating extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;
WHEREAS, The month of June commemorates the Stonewall Riots which began in the early hours of June 28, 1969;
WHEREAS, The Stonewall Riots were a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement and are considered to be the modern birthplace of the fight for gay rights in the United States;
WHEREAS, 5.6% of the American population identifies as LGBTQ+;
WHEREAS, Pride month is dedicated to the celebration of LGBTQ+ identities and those who identify as such, as well as to raise awareness of the struggles LGBTQ+ individuals have faced and continue to face currently;
WHEREAS, Members of the LGBTQ+ community face adversities which lead individuals to conceal their true identity or practice various forms of self-harm;
WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ individuals face minority-specific stressors which have been linked to negative impacts on neurological structures and functioning, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder;
WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) highlights homophobia, stigma, and discrimination as major factors that inhibit the health of LGBTQ+ individuals;
WHEREAS, The rights of LGBTQ+ individuals have historically been a highly debated political and social affair;
WHEREAS, Many states have enacted individual laws to limit the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals;
WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of The United States of America has, historically and currently, bestowed and retracted the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals;
WHEREAS, June 2021 marks the 5 year anniversary of the Pulse massacre where UCF student Juan Ramon Guerrero and alumnus Christopher Andrew Leinonen were victims of the shooting;
WHEREAS, The LGBTQ+ community has seen substantial advancements through positive representation in the media as well as legal protection of matters regarding sexuality and sexual or gender identity;
WHEREAS, The University of Central Florida provides various services for LGBTQ+ individuals, such as LGBTQ+ Services, Lavender Council, and Pride Commons, in order to protect the interests and safety of LGBTQ+ students;
WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Services, along with other UCF organizations, hold events to recognize and celebrate LGBTQ+ students and individuals; and
WHEREAS, Members of the LGBTQ+ community at The University of Central Florida deserve to be recognized, celebrated, and honored for the identities they have embraced as well as their resilience in the face of individual and societal adversities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Third Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that the University of Central Florida proclaims the celebration of June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and supports the events being hosted during the month, in hopes to end discriminatory and harmful provisions to build a more inclusive campus for all students; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Social Justice and Advocacy, LGBTQ+ Services, Pride Student Association, and Lavender Council.

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