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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Third Student Body Senate
Resolution 53-09**

[Resolution Urging the University of Central Florida to Protect Transgender Human Rights and Call for the Fairness in Women's Sports Act to be Overturned]

WHEREAS, The Florida State Legislature has introduced multiple anti-transgender bills in 2021 to exclude transgender youth from sports and limit access to life-saving hormone replacement therapy;

WHEREAS, the US Department of Education issued a Notice of Interpretation on June 16, 2021, that Title IX prohibits sex-based discrimination encompassing the rights of transgender individuals;

WHEREAS, HB 0935, died in Professions & Public Health Subcommittee, prohibits the provision of, or referral for, any gender-affirming medical procedure for transgender youth, and prescription for hormonal therapy medication for transgender youth;

WHEREAS, SB 2012, died in Rules, divides all sports sponsored through public institutions by biological sex; There are stipulations that allow transgender women to participate in "female" sports but the individual is required to get their hormone levels tested monthly, if testosterone levels are even slightly above the required benchmark said athlete would be automatically disqualified from any competition for 12 months, after which they can compete with monthly testosterone testing unless their levels exceed benchmark again;

WHEREAS, HB 1475, died in Rules, limits sports at most educational facilities to biological sex, permits genital inspections of transgender female student athletes when a challenge is filed, and provides protections for schools and students who follow the proposed law and legal recourse for those who feel wronged when the law is violated;

WHEREAS, These bills, if passed, will do irreparable harm to transgender youth and will cultivate an environment of hostility that will continue to push violence and discrimination against the transgender community and the LGBTQ+ community as a whole;

WHEREAS, HB 1475 is the only bill that has been passed by the Florida House of Representatives, however it has been stalled along with SB 2012 due to the differences between the house and senate bills as well as due to the outside pressure placed on Florida lawmakers by the National Collegiate Athletic Association;

WHEREAS, While the stalling of these bills protect transgender rights for the immediate future, the sponsors of these bills have hinted that similar legislation could be pushed in the future;

WHEREAS, SB 1028 was passed by Florida legislature and approved by Governor DeSantis, preventing transgender females, women, or girls from participating in female, women, or girl athletic teams or sports;

WHEREAS, There has been a history of violence and discrimination against the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, Further violence and discrimination could occur as a result of recent actions of the Florida Legislature.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Third Student Senate of the University of Central Florida we urge the University of Central Florida to continue their adamant support of transgender youth, transgender athletics, and all transgender people in and outside of our campus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Third Student Senate of the University of Central Florida we urge the University of Central Florida to call for the Fairness in Women's Sports Act to be overturned;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Third Student Senate of the University of Central Florida we urge students, educators, and individuals to change the rhetoric in Florida and beyond to create a society that can move past our harmful history and create a state and country that supports all in the fight against inequality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Third Student Senate of the University of Central Florida we urge the student body to continue supporting and listening to transgender advocates and other individuals working against these bills in the UCF community and beyond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to UCF Athletics Director Terry Mohajir, UCF Board of Trustees, UCF Faculty Senate, UCF SG Athletics Coordinator Bracht, UCF SG President Hall, UCF SG Governmental Affairs Coordinator Anzueto, UCF SG Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator Lee, Pride Student Association, LGBTQ+ Services, and UCF RWC.

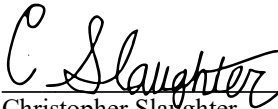
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