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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Third Student Body Senate
Proclamation 53-02**

[Proclamation Recognizing October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month]

WHEREAS, Senate Rule 2.04(G)(1) states that the Student Body Advocacy (SBA) Committee shall 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, In 1989 the United States Congress designated October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month with the passage of Public Law 101-112;
WHEREAS, The United Nations defines domestic violence as a pattern of behaviors used to maintain power and control in any relationship;
WHEREAS, Nearly twenty (20) people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence;
WHEREAS, One (1) in four (4) women and one (1) in seven (7) men have experienced severe physical violence (i.e. beating, burning, strangulation) at the hand of an intimate partner according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence;
WHEREAS, Twenty-six (26) instances of dating violence were reported on UCF's main campus in 2019 as stated in the Annual Security & Fire Safety Guide 2020-2021;
WHEREAS, Sixteen (16) instances of dating violence were reported in the UCF's on-campus housing in 2019 as stated in the Annual Security & Fire Safety Guide 2020-2021;
WHEREAS, Three (3) instances of domestic violence were reported on the UCF's main campus in 2019 as stated in the Annual Security & Fire Safety Guide 2020-2021;
WHEREAS, UCF provides a number of resources for victims of domestic violence including Victim Services and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS);
WHEREAS, Domestic violence impacts individuals of all races, ethnic groups, sexual orientations, ages, and social statuses; and
WHEREAS, Efforts made to end domestic violence along with the resilience of survivors of domestic violence should be recognized.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Third Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that the University of Central Florida proclaims the recognition of October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and supports the events being hosted during the month, in hopes to raise awareness of the issue of domestic violence and end on-going violence; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to the Office of Institutional Equity, Victims Services, the UCF Police Department, Student Care Services (SCS), Green Dot, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), and Title IX Response Team.

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