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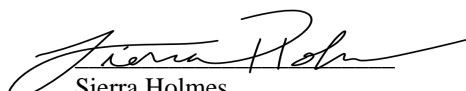
**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Fifth Student Body Senate
Proclamation 55-02**


[Proclamation Celebrating Juneteenth on June 19, 2023]

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, celebrating, or condemning extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;
WHEREAS, The following clauses are sourced from The Emancipation Proclamation, which declared all those enslaved as free persons, and was issued by President Abraham Lincoln on September 22, 1862 and enacted January 1, 1863;
WHEREAS, African-Americans residing in the Confederacy still remained enslaved, gradually being liberated through the advocacy of the proclamation through soldiers of the Union Army;
WHEREAS, The final enslaved African-Americans became free in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, as the army declared all enslaved persons free by the executive order of the President of the United States;
WHEREAS, Juneteenth spread from Texas to the rest of the nation and is the longest-running African-American holiday;
WHEREAS, The Juneteenth National Independence Day Act
WHEREAS, Juneteenth was first recognized on June 19, 1865, which is the proper date when slaves were actually freed;
WHEREAS, President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law on June 19, 2021, as Juneteenth Day of Observance;
WHEREAS, 13.6% of the United States population is Black/African-American;
WHEREAS, 15.9% of the Florida population is Black/African American;
WHEREAS, 9.7% of the University of Central Florida students are Black/African-American;
WHEREAS, The University of Central Florida held its first Juneteenth celebration in June of 2020, spearheaded by the Black Student Union; and
WHEREAS, The University of Central Florida continues to celebrate Juneteenth.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Fifth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida celebrates Juneteenth on June 19, 2023, and recognizes its importance to the African-American community; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to President Alexander Cartwright, Interim Provost Michael D. Johnson, Student Success and Awareness Initiatives Director Wayne Jackson, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Andrea Guzmán, Office of Student Involvement Associate Director Chantel Carter, Office of Civil Discourse and Engagement Director Justin Andrade, and Ginsburg Center for Inclusion and Community Engagement Assistant Vice President Edwanna Andrews.

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