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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate
Proclamation 56-08**

[Proclamation Recognizing August 2024 as Black Business 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, celebrating, or condemning extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;
WHEREAS, Black Business Month is dedicated to advocating for racial justice, equity and economic liberty by promoting businesses owned by Black/African-American individuals;
WHEREAS, The month of August was named as such by historian John William Templeton in 2004 to highlight the contributions of Black-owned businesses;
WHEREAS, It was done with the intention of bringing attention to the systemic inequities that African-American business owners face when seeking financing or other assistance for their businesses and intend on dispelling those inequities by promoting African American owned businesses;
WHEREAS, It is a month celebrating and highlighting the contributions that African Americans have made to the US economy through the businesses that they own;
WHEREAS, According to the Pew Research Center, 3% of American businesses are Black-owned;
WHEREAS, 58% of Black adults believe that supporting Black-owned businesses is an effective way to advance equality for Black individuals in the US;
WHEREAS, According to the Office of Advocacy, Black-owned businesses have allotted more that \$217.3 million in total sales for the year of 2024;
WHEREAS, Black students accounted for 9.2% of the University of Central Florida's population in the 2023-2024 year; and
WHEREAS, The Student Government Black Caucus will be hosting a Black Business Showcase August 22nd, 2024, to go along with the passing of this proclamation, an event that they have successfully hosted in the past.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that August 2024 shall be recognized as Black Business Month, encourages any events promoting Black/African American businesses, including this year's Black Business Showcase hosted by the Black Caucus in conjunction with the passing of this proclamation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to President Alexander Cartwright, Provost Michael D. Johnson, Access Program Director Wayne Jackson, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Andrea Guzmán, Office of Student Involvement Associate Director Chantel Carter, Assistant Vice President for Community Support Services Edwina Andrews, Director of Covil Discourse and Engagement Haley Winston, Coordinator of the Multicultural Student Center Kaelyn Hamilton, Black Student Union, Caribbean Students' Association, National Association of Black Journalists, Progressive Black Men Inc, National Society of Black Engineers, Black Man's Candor, Black Women in Medicine Inc, The Black Female Development Circle Inc, National Black Law Student Association, National Association of Black Accountants, The National Council of Negro Women, SISTUHS Inc, Club Kreyol, Fanm Kreyol, Big Sister Little Sister Mentoring Program, African American Biomedical Sciences Organization, RUKUS Entertainment, Project of Haiti Knights, The Gospel and Cultural Choir, Naturally Textured, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, African Student Organization, Men of Integrity, Dominican Student Association, Neg Kreyol, Pinky Promise Movement Incorporated, Black Undergraduate Kinesiology Association, Black Men in Medicine Inc, Black Psychology Club at UCF, Black Student Awareness, Jamaican Student Association, John T. Washington Honor Society, The Affiliate Chapter of the National Black Association of Speech Language and Hearing at the University of Central Florida, FACES Modeling Trope Inc, Alpha Kappa Psi, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc, and Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority Inc.

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