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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate
Proclamation 56-15**

[Proclamation Celebrating October 11th as International Day of the Girl]

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, Since 2011, the United Nations General Assembly has declared October 11th as International Day of the Girl;
WHEREAS, Despite making up half of the world's population, women and girls in areas across the globe are not given equal access and are therefore robbed of giving the world their potential;
WHEREAS, Of the 59, 939 students enrolled in the University of Central Florida, women account for 53% of the population with 31,980 as of Fall 2024;
WHEREAS, Of the 8,858 first generation students enrolled in the University of Central Florida, women account for 60% of that population with 5,248 as of Fall 2024;
WHEREAS, The University of Central Florida is leading a necessary charge for providing education to girls, as nearly 1 in 5 girls are not completing lower-secondary school and nearly 4 in 10 girls are not completing upper-secondary school due to factors such as unpaid domestic work, educational disparities, sexual violence, and lack of access;
WHEREAS, International Day of the Girl both recognizes and celebrates girls' rights as well as the challenges that girls face in many areas of the world that are taken for granted;
WHEREAS, International Day of the Girl brings attention to the rights girls have to a safe, educated, healthy, and equal life to grow up in;
WHEREAS, International Day of the Girl is just one important day necessary on the path to ensuring gender equality, women's empowerment, and the creation of a world that allows girls to grow up with equal access to every opportunity;
WHEREAS, The United Nations has declared the theme for the 2024 International Day of the Girl as "Girls' vision for the future," providing hope for the upcoming generation of girls that they will have their deserved rights, equality, and opportunity; and
WHEREAS, In celebration of this Proclamation, the Women's Caucus will be hosting a Women's Film Festival on October 11th to highlight female directors and female stories;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida and Women's Caucus highlight, promote, and honor International Day of the Girl this October 11th; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to Vice President for Student Success and Well-Being Adrienne Frame, Vice President for Access and Community Engagement Andrea Guzman, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the Ginsburg Center for Inclusion and Community Engagement, Girl Up Orlando, Her Health, National Organization for Women at UCF, PERIOD @ UCF, The Women's Network: UCF, and the Women's Student Union.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

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Allison Pohlmann
Senate President

09/23/2024

Date

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Bryce Lister
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10/1/2024

Date