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**University of Central Florida  
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate  
Proclamation 56-16**

[Proclamation Declaring the Month of October as National Breast Cancer 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, celebrating, or condemning extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;  
**WHEREAS**, Since 1985, October has been celebrated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month;  
**WHEREAS**, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month originated out of a partnership between the American Cancer Society and pharmaceutical companies and was championed by Former First Lady Betty Ford to educate about breast cancer, early detection methods, mammograms, and overall awareness about the disease as well as provide necessary publicity to breast cancer researchers;  
**WHEREAS**, the Celebration of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is also necessary to raise funds for research into its cause, preventative measures, diagnoses, treatments, and cures, which all incur large costs both on researchers and patients;  
**WHEREAS**, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month honors those lost to the disease, provides hope and acknowledgement to survivors of breast cancer, and raise funds for research to one day create an affordable and comfortable treatment;  
**WHEREAS**, According to The Susan G. Komen Organization, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime;  
**WHEREAS**, More than 2 million women around the world are diagnosed with the disease every year;  
**WHEREAS**, U.S. men make up 1 of every 100 breast cancer diagnoses in the country and about 1 in 726 men will develop breast cancer in their lifetime, but stigma surrounding the disease and a lack of awareness about male breast cancer poses a significant risk to men's health that National Breast Cancer Awareness Month can prevent;  
**WHEREAS**, The University of Central Florida College of Medicine Cancer Research Division is currently adding to the innovative science that will one day make this disease easier to cure; and  
**WHEREAS**, The scientific efforts of doctors and scientists like UCF's very own Dr. Deborah Altomare, Dr. Jackie Zhao, Dr. Annette Khaled, and more must be highlighted, celebrated, and encouraged this Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida engages in celebration of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encourages or participates in events that highlight, promote, and honor those that have been affected by the disease and those who are working to improve screening, diagnosis, and treatment of it; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to University President Alexander Cartwright, 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, American Medical Women's Association, Girl Up Orlando, International Medical Outreach, Her Campus UCF, Her Health, National Organization for Women at UCF, National Society of Black Women in Medicine, PERIOD @ UCF, Mothers and Children Health Association, The Black Female Development Circle, The National Council of Negro Women, The Women's Network: UCF, League of Women Voters, 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  
Student Body President

10/1/2024

Date