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**University of Central Florida  
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate  
Proclamation 56-03**

[Proclamation Recognizing June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as Juneteenth]

**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**, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1862, which declared every enslaved person in the United States as a free person;  
**WHEREAS**, The proclamation was officially enacted on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863;  
**WHEREAS**, African-Americans in Confederate territory remained enslaved until the Union army gradually liberated the area;  
**WHEREAS**, On June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1865, the final enslaved African-American was freed in Galveston Bay, Texas;  
**WHEREAS**, From then on, Juneteenth became known through the nation and is now the longest running African-American holiday;  
**WHEREAS**, President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as Juneteenth Day of Observance;  
**WHEREAS**, 13.6% of the United States population is Black/African-American;  
**WHEREAS**, 17.0% of the Florida population is Black/African-American;  
**WHEREAS**, 9.2% of the University of Central Florida students are Black/African-American;  
**WHEREAS**, The University of Central Florida's first Juneteenth celebration was held in 2020, spearheaded by the Black Student Union;  
**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is a significant holiday for members of the UCF community due to its immense historical and cultural importance; and  
**WHEREAS**, The University of Central Florida should recognize and celebrate Juneteenth.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida recognizes Juneteenth on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to the Black Student Union, African Student Organization, Office of Black/African American Student Success, SISTUHS Inc, The National Society of Black Women in Medicine, National Black Law Students Association, The National Pan-Hellenic Council, The John T. Washington Honor Society, Big Sister Little Sister Mentoring Program, Color Me Queer, Progressive Black Men Inc, National Society of Black Engineers, Vice President for Student Success and Wellbeing Dr. Frame, Vice President for Access and Community Engagement Dr. Andrea Guzmán, Ginsburg Center for Inclusion and Community Engagement Assistant Vice President Edwanna Andrews, and Multicultural Student Center Student Director Olivia Russo-Hood.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

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Senate President

06/18/2024

Date

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06/19/2024

Date