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**University of Central Florida  
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate  
Proclamation 56-05**

[Proclamation Recognizing June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as Women's Veterans Day]

**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 Sunshine State is home to the second-largest population of women veterans in the nation, numbering more than 168,000, highlighting Florida's significant role in supporting and honoring the service of women in the military;  
**WHEREAS**, a women veterans represent one of the fastest-growing segments of the veteran population, reflecting the evolving demographics and the increasing recognition of their contributions to our nation's defense;  
**WHEREAS**, throughout American history, women have served valiantly in the military, beginning with the Revolutionary War where women served as nurses, cooks, and in some cases, disguised themselves as men to fight alongside their compatriots;  
**WHEREAS**, during the Civil War, approximately 6,000 female nurses served in various capacities, demonstrating courage and dedication under the most challenging circumstances, and some even served as "Daughters of the Regiment," rallying troops and participating in battles;  
**WHEREAS**, the Spanish-American War marked a pivotal moment when the Surgeon General requested a contingent of nurses, leading to the establishment of the Nurse Corps as a permanent part of the Army Medical Department;  
**WHEREAS**, World War I saw roughly 25,000 American women serving overseas in a variety of roles from nurses to telephone operators, and their service helped pave the way for the passage of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote;  
**WHEREAS**, during World War II, the formation of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), later the Women's Army Corps (WAC), enabled over 140,000 women to serve in the U.S. Army, undertaking critical roles both at home and overseas, and setting the stage for future integration of women into the armed forces;  
**WHEREAS**, the Women's Armed Services Integration Act signed into law on June 12, 1948, by President Harry S. Truman, allowed women to serve as permanent, regular members of the military, establishing a legacy of equal service that continues to this day; and  
**WHEREAS**, subsequent reforms and milestones, including the lifting of the combat exclusion policy and the full integration of women into all military roles in 2016, have affirmed the vital role of women in the armed forces.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida recognizes June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as Women Veterans Day and commits to honoring the history, bravery, and enduring legacy of women veterans; and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities Jeffrey Moore, Director of the Military and Veteran Student Success Center Michael Kepner, President of the Student Veterans of America UCF Chapter Michael Richardson, President of the UCF Women's Veteran Association, Professor of Military Science/MSIV Instructor LTC Keith Williams, UCF AFROTC Detachment 159 Commander Colonel Phelemon T. Williams II, UCF PD, and Executive Director of UCF RESTORES Dr. Deborah Beidel.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

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Allison Pohlmann  
Senate President

06/24/2024

Date

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Bryce Lister  
Student Body President

07/01/2024

Date