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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate
Proclamation 56-21**

[Proclamation Recognizing the Week of November 4th through the 11th as Veteran's Week]

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, UCF is home to a vibrant and diverse community of student veterans, active-duty military personnel, and their families, all of whom contribute significantly to the university's rich tapestry of experiences and perspectives;
WHEREAS, Veterans Week provides an opportunity for our UCF community to come together to honor and support the brave men and women who have selflessly defended our country;
WHEREAS, Veterans Week presents a unique opportunity to educate our campus and the broader community about the challenges and triumphs of those who have served in the Armed Forces, helping to bridge the gap between military and civilian life;
WHEREAS, This week allows us to recognize the contributions of student veterans, faculty, and staff who have served our nation and continue to serve as leaders and role models in our academic community;
WHEREAS, UCF recognizes the importance of mental health and wellness for veterans transitioning to civilian life, offering programs and services aimed at promoting resilience and addressing the unique challenges they may face;
WHEREAS, The collaboration between UCF's Military and Veteran Student Success Center and various campus organizations enhances the support network available to student veterans, provides educational benefits, and promotes a sense of community and belonging;
WHEREAS, Some of the events happening this week consist of;
WHEREAS, Flag planting on Memory Mall, Military and Veteran Student Success Center with the assistance of Army and Air Force ROTC will plant over 1,000 American Flags. Each flag represents one student veterans enrolled at UCF for the Fall 2024 Semester;
WHEREAS, The Military and Veteran Student Success Center will host an Atrium Take-over inviting members of the Military and Veteran Community to learn about the resources available to them;
WHEREAS, Veterans Salute Ceremony, annual Veterans Salute will take place at the Veterans Commemorative Site on Memory Mall to honor and remember our Veterans;
WHEREAS, The UCF Military & Veterans Community will be a part of the Annual Orlando City Veterans Day Parade, including the Military and Veteran Success Center, UCF Women's Veteran Association, and the UCF Chapter of Student Veterans of America;
WHEREAS, The ending event on November 11th, Veterans Day, is dedicated to honoring and showing appreciation for the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces; and
WHEREAS, This proclamation reflects our unwavering commitment to upholding the values of honor, sacrifice, and gratitude, as we strive to ensure that the University of Central Florida remains a steadfast supporter of our military community, and a place where all veterans and active-duty service members may find a welcoming and inclusive home within our educational institution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida Recognizing the Week of November 4th through the 11th as Veteran's Week, support any events and celebrations, and recognize the sacrifices that these veterans and their families have made; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to Vice President of Access and Community Engagement Dr. Andrea Guzman, Director of the Military and Veteran Student Success Center LTC (Ret.) Michael Kepner, President of the Student Veterans of America UCF Chapter Michael Richardson, President of the UCF Women's Veteran Association Alexandria Marcellus, Professor of Military Science/MSIV Instructor LTC Patrick Mulloy, UCF AFROTC Detachment 159 Commander Colonel Phelemon T. Williams II, Executive Director of UCF RESTORES Dr. Deborah Beidel.

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Allison Pohlmann
Senate President
10/31/2024

Date

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

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Bryce Lister
Student Body President
11/1/2024

Date