

**Introduced By:** Chair Al-Qudah  
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Moroccan Student Society  
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**University of Central Florida  
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate  
Proclamation 56-24**

[Proclamation Recognizing December 18<sup>th</sup> as World Arabic Language 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 Arabic language is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, with over 400 million native speakers across 22 countries;  
**WHEREAS**, The Arabic language has a rich history spanning over 1,500 years, contributing significantly to global culture, science, literature, and philosophy;  
**WHEREAS**, Arabic is a language of profound historical and contemporary significance, serving as a bridge between diverse cultures and fostering mutual understanding and respect;  
**WHEREAS**, On December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1973, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted Arabic as the sixth official language of the Organization;  
**WHEREAS**, In 2012, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated December 18<sup>th</sup> as World Arabic Language Day to celebrate and promote the linguistic and cultural diversity of the Arabic-speaking world; and  
**WHEREAS**, Recognizing World Arabic Language Day encourages students and the community to appreciate and engage with the Arabic language and its cultural heritage and significance.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida and the Arab Ad Hoc Caucus recognizes December 18<sup>th</sup> as World Arabic Language Day and encourages all students, faculty, and community members to participate in activities that celebrate the beauty, diversity, and significance of the Arabic language; and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to President Alexander Cartwright, Vice President for Access and Community Engagement Andrea Guzmán, Office of Student Involvement Associate Director Chantel Carter, Civil Discourse & Engagement Director Haley G. Winston, Global Perspectives & International Initiatives Senior Coordinator Middle East & North Africa Mirvate El Jerdi, Assistant Vice President of Community Support Edwanna Andrews, Coordinator for the Multicultural Student Center Kaelyn Hamilton, Office of Diversity & Inclusion Interim Director Dr. LeeAnn Roberts, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures Director for Advancement Azela Santana, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures Assistant Professor Haidar Khezri, Arab American Community Center of Florida, Arab American Student Association, Muslim Student Association, Palestinian Student Association, Moroccan Student Society, Egyptian Student Association, Lebanese Student Association, The Omani Student Association, Saudi Students Association, Syrian Student Association.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**



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Senate President

12/2/2024

Date



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