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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate
Proclamation 56-25**

[Proclamation Declaring the Month of January as National Cervical 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 2010, Congress has designated January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month;
WHEREAS, In the early 1900's, cervical cancer was a leading cause of illness and death for women in the United States until the advent of new medical procedures and technology;
WHEREAS, As of 2020, the World Health Organization has pledged to engage in strategies and methods to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem;
WHEREAS, The Celebration of Cervical Cancer Awareness Month is 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, Cervical Cancer Awareness Month honors those lost to the disease, provides hope and acknowledgement to survivors of cervical cancer, and raises funds for research to one day create less invasive treatment and methods of prevention;
WHEREAS, Every year, 11,500 women in the United States are diagnosed with cervical cancer;
WHEREAS, Cervical cancer is the second most common cancer for women between the ages of 15 and 44;
WHEREAS, While easily preventable, a lack of education surrounding preventative methods as well as medical discomfort surrounding procedures like pap smears and HPV testing diverts efforts to lower the fatality rate;
WHEREAS, Two UCF College of Medicine students have been awarded prestigious awards and scholarships for continuing research into increasing the quality of life for patients who have been diagnosed with cervical cancer;
WHEREAS, The University of Central Florida Student Health Services offers Gardasil vaccinations, which is the only vaccine that prevents four different types of HPV, the cervical cancer causing virus; and
WHEREAS, The Women's Caucus will be hosting the Women's Health Fair on January 21st in conjunction with this Proclamation to advocate for and discuss women's health, wellness, and overall care.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that the University engages in celebration of Cervical 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, Planned Parenthood Generation Action, 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.


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