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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate
Proclamation 56-27**

[Proclamation Recognizing February 11th as International Day of Women and Girls in Science]

WHEREAS, Senate Rule 2.03(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, International Day of Women and Girls in Science is celebrated on February 11th;

WHEREAS, This day highlights the contributions and critical roles women and girls play in the communities of science, mathematics, engineering, technology, and more;

WHEREAS, International Day of Women and Girls in Science aims to encourage the participation and enrollment of women and girls in STEM programs across the globe;

WHEREAS, International Day of Women and Girls in Science is important as an opportunity to promote full and equal access to STEM roles, programs, and opportunities in a male-dominated field;

WHEREAS, According to the United Nations, while women represent 33.3% of all STEM researchers, women make up only 12% of national science academy membership;

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, women accounted for 29.3% of federal STEM workers;

WHEREAS, Also according to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, only 25.9% of all STEM leaders were women, or, 16,454 women were in leadership roles compared to 47,167 men;

WHEREAS, The statistics mentioned below are all derived from the UCF Institutional Knowledge Management Enrollment factsheet;

WHEREAS, During the 2020-2021 University of Central Florida academic year, of the 1,264 students who graduated with a bachelor's degree in engineering, 21% were women;

WHEREAS, During the Fall 2024 University of Central Florida semester, of the 15,043 undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Sciences, women accounted for 65% with an enrolled amount of 9,795, whereas of the 1,057 graduate students enrolled in the College of Sciences, women accounted for 50% with an enrolled amount of 534;

WHEREAS, During the Spring 2024 University of Central Florida semester, of the 148 undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Optics & Photonics, women make up only 30% with an enrolled amount of 44, whereas of the 133 graduate students enrolled women accounted for only 27% with an enrolled amount of 36;

WHEREAS, During the Fall 2024 University of Central Florida semester, of the 2,242 undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Nursing, women make up 83% with an enrolled amount of 1,859, whereas of the 501 graduate students enrolled women make up 88% with an enrolled amount of 439;

WHEREAS, During the Fall 2024 University of Central Florida semester, of the 13,332 undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Engineering & Computer Science, women made up only 22% with an enrolled amount of 2,896, whereas of the 2,269 graduate students enrolled women accounted for only 19% with an enrolled amount of 563;

WHEREAS, During the Fall 2024 University of Central Florida semester, of the 5,387 undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Health Professions & Sciences, women make up 70% with an enrolled amount of 3,794, whereas of the 897 graduate students enrolled women accounted for 85% with an enrolled amount of 755;

WHEREAS, Women in Lasers and Optics has an event, to celebrate International Day of Women and Girls in Science, on February 13th in CREOL room A214 at 6pm making Valentine's Day cards;

WHEREAS, The University of Central Florida has a leading force in advocating for gender equality in academia as well as bridging the gap between women students, faculty, and staff and the STEM studies; and

WHEREAS, This Proclamation and the celebration of International Day of Women and Girls in Sciences on February 11th, 2025, would be a continuation of the University's spirit of bolstering women and girls carving their rightful place in STEM communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that the University of Central Florida proclaims the celebration of International Day of Women and Girls in Science on February 11th, 2025, and supports the efforts of its women faculty, staff, and students in STEM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to University of Central Florida Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Andrea Guzmán, Vice President for Student Success and Well-Being Dr. Adrienne Frame, Dean of UCF College of Nursing Mary Lou Sole, Associate Dean for Academic Excellence UCF College of Nursing Norma E. Conner, Dean of UCF College of Health Professions & Sciences Christopher Ingersoll, Dean of UCF College of Optics & Photonics, Dean of UCF College of Sciences Maggy Tomova, Dean of College of Engineering & Computer Science Michael Georgiopoulos, Society of Women Engineers, Women in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Alpha Sigma Kappa Sorority, Women in Physics Society, Women in Lasers and Optics, National Society of Black Women in Medicine, Society of Women in Space Exploration, American Medical Women's Association, Girls Who Code at UCF, League of Women Voters, and Women's Student Union.

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