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University of Central Florida
Fifty-Fourth Student Body Senate
Proclamation 54-03


[Proclamation Recognizing the Celebration of Ramadan 2022]

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 the commemoration of extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;
WHEREAS, Ramadan is celebrated by Muslim adherents and communities all over the world;
WHEREAS, Islam is the third largest religion in the United States, and in 2017 it was estimated that it is practiced by about 3.45 million people in the US;
WHEREAS, In 2020, it was estimated that there are 2,000 to 3,000 students who practice the Islamic faith at UCF;
WHEREAS, Ramadan falls on the 9th month of the Islamic Lunar Calendar and is recognized as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community;
WHEREAS, Ramadan is a month for reading the Qu'ran and finding spiritual connection through fasting to detach from worldly distractions;
WHEREAS, During the Night of Power, the Prophet Muhammad had a revelation about the Qu'ran from the Angel Jibreel or Gabriel;
WHEREAS, The Night of Power is recognized during the last ten days of Ramadan and is considered the holiest of days during Ramadan. Many Muslims stay up all night in worship;
WHEREAS, During the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset;
WHEREAS, Although the five prayers are a regular routine, during Ramadan, Muslims specifically fast during the first three of these prayers to ground them;
WHEREAS, During Ramadan, the fourth prayer is when they break their fast (iftar);
WHEREAS, During Ramadan, the fifth prayer, isha, is followed by many smaller prayers, which are called taraweeh, as well as the reading of the Qu'ran;
WHEREAS, Taraweeh is Arabic, translated as "to rest and relax" and it a special form of Islamic meditation;
WHEREAS, It is encouraged during Ramadan to conduct Taraweeh in a Mosque, but it can be done in one's home;
WHEREAS, The aspect of community is important to Muslims during Ramadan;
WHEREAS, This includes iftar and praying together;
WHEREAS, Eid Al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan;
WHEREAS, During Eid al-Fitr a special prayer is conducted in the morning;
WHEREAS, Eid al-Fitr is a day where Muslims don't fast; and
WHEREAS, Eid al-Fitr is a special time to spend with friends and family, especially to mark one's efforts during Ramadan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Third Student Senate of the University of Central Florida recognizes the celebrate of Ramadan and supports the events being hosted during the month, in hopes to build a more inclusive campus for all students;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Fourth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida supports students who celebrate this religious holiday and support any accommodations needed in references to this religious holiday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to UCF President Alexander Cartwright, UCF Provost Michael D. Johnson, VP Provost and Dean Theodora Regina Berry, Dean of Libraries Beau Case, Dean of College of Engineering and Sciences Michael Georgiopoulos, Dean of College of Medicine Deborah C. German, UCF Honors Burnett College Dean Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, Dean of CREOL David Hagan, Dean of Health Professions and Sciences Christopher Ingersoll, Dean of College of Business Paul Jarley, Dean of College of Graduate Studies Elizabeth Klonoff, Dean of College of Community Innovation and Education Glenn Lambie, Dean of College Arts and Humanities Jeffrey Moore, Dean of College of Nursing Mary Lou Sole, Dean of College of Sciences Maggy Tomova, Multicultural Academic and Support Services (MASS) Director Wayne Johnson, UCF Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Andrea Guzmán, Multicultural Student Center (MSC) Coordinator Stefanie Campbell, Office of Student Involvement Associate Director Chantel Carter, SDES Vice President of Community Support Edwanna Andrews, Muslim Student Association (MSA) President Noor Abdulrahman, Palestinian Student Association (PSA) President Syria Lutfi, Pakistani Student Association (PSA) President Ali Qureishi, Saudi Student Association (SSA) President Bashaer Al-hirazi, Omani Student Association (OSA) President Qutaiba Al-hashmi.

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