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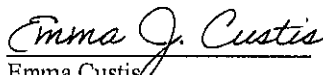
[Proclamation Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month]

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, The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) proclaims April as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (NSAAPM);
WHEREAS, SAAPM is recognized by the United States Department of Defense (U.S. DOD);
WHEREAS, The U.S. DOD call to action includes their 2022 campaign "STEP FORWARD. Prevent. Report. Advocate";
WHEREAS, According to the Rape Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), sexual assault is defined as sexual contact or behavior that occurs without consent. This includes but is not limited to: rape, attempted rape, fondling or unwanted sexual touching, and forcing a victim to perform sexual acts, such as oral sex or penetration;
WHEREAS, RAINN also reports the following statistics;
WHEREAS, Every 68 seconds an American is sexually assaulted;
WHEREAS, 1 in 6 American women have experienced an attempted or completed rape;
WHEREAS, 1 in 33 American men have experienced an attempted or completed rape;
WHEREAS, Women aged 16-19 are 4 times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual violence;
WHEREAS, Women ages 18-24 who are college students are 3 times more likely than women in general to experience sexual violence;
WHEREAS, Reports from Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law showed that transgender people are 4 times more likely to be sexually assaulted than cisgender people;
WHEREAS, In 2015 the United States Transgender Survey found that 47% of transgender people have been sexually assaulted;
WHEREAS, 35% of straight women face a form of sexual assault;
WHEREAS, 61% of bisexual women face a form of sexual assault;
WHEREAS, 44% of lesbians face a form of sexual assault;
WHEREAS, 26% of gay men face a form of sexual assault;
WHEREAS, 37% of bisexual men face a form of sexual assault;
WHEREAS, 29% of straight men face a form of sexual assault;
WHEREAS, In 2018 UCF launched the campus wide initiative "Let's Be Clear";
WHEREAS, The Let's Be Clear campaign was introduced to "...spread awareness about expectations for behavior and the availability of support resources for students, faculty and staff members impacted by sexual and relational violence";
WHEREAS, Sexual Assault as defined by UCF Policy 2-004 consists of sexual contact without consent, this includes but is not limited to: touching, kissing, fondling, contact by anus, mouth, or sex organs;
WHEREAS, UCF offers 3 different prevention programs: Primary Prevention and Awareness Program, Ongoing Prevention and Awareness Programs, and Bystander Intervention Programs;

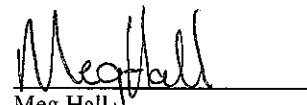
WHEREAS, Some of the resources offered within these 3 prevention programs include: Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training, Let's Be Clear Trainings, In Her Shoes, and Being a Responsible Knight;
WHEREAS, These programs are outlined in UCF Police Department Annual Security & Fire Safety Guide 2020-2021 addition under the Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking section;
WHEREAS, Title IX protects people from sex and gender discrimination in education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance;
WHEREAS, The UCF Title IX team provides assistance on how to file a police report;
WHEREAS, The UCF Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) conducts administrative investigations of allegations of sexual assault when the respondent is a UCF student, employee, direct support organization or third party under certain conditions; and
WHEREAS, The UCF Police Department reported in 2019 that the UCF Main Campus had 19 rape incidents, 12 fondling incidents, 26 incidents of dating violence and 44 stalking incidents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Fourth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida recognizes April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, to stand in solidarity with those impacted by Sexual Assault;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to Copper Knights, Pride Student Association, LGBTQ+ Services, Red Fields Project, UCF Victim Services, UCF's Violence Against Women Cluster, Women Student Union, and Title IX Coordinator Matt Ricke.

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