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## University of Central Florida Fifty-Fourth Student Body Senate Proclamation 54-08

[Proclamation Honoring the Victims of the Uvalde Shooting]

**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 University of Central Florida cherishes all life and is dedicated to promoting equality and safety;

**WHEREAS**, According to the Associated Press, on May 24th, 2022, 19 children and 2 adults were murdered at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas in a mass shooting;

WHEREAS, According to the Associated Press, during the same incident, 17 people were injured;

WHEREAS, According to the Associated Press, the ages of the victims were 8, 9, 10, 11, 44, and 48 years old;

**WHEREAS**, According to Gun Violence Archive and Statista, the Uvalde shooting is the sixth deadliest mass shooting in the United States of America in the 21st century;

**WHEREAS**, According to analyses conducted by The New England Journal of Medicine on data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, firearm-related injuries were the leading cause of death among children and adolescents in 2020;

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Census Bureau, most of the residents of Uvalde, Texas are Hispanic;

**WHEREAS**, According to the UCF Office of Diversity and Inclusion, UCF has 25% or more total undergraduate Hispanic full-time equivalent student enrollment, and is therefore designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution;

WHEREAS, According to analyses conducted by Everytown on data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, WONDER Online Database, and Underlying Cause of Death, Latinx people are twice as likely to be killed by gun homicide than white people and Latinx children and adolescents are three times more likely to be killed by gun homicide than white children and adolescents; and

**WHEREAS**, According to analyses conducted by Everytown on data from Survey USA, 58% of American adults or someone they care for have experienced gun violence as of 2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Fourth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that it recognizes and honors Naveah Bravo, Jackie Cazares, Makenna Elrod, Jose Flores Jr., Eliahna "Ellie" Garcia, Irma Garcia, Uziyah Garcia, Amerie Jo Garza, Jayce Carmelo Luevanos, Xavier Lopez, Tess Marie Mata, Maranda Mathis, Eva Mireles, Alithia Ramirez, Annabell Guadalupe Rodriguez, Maite Rodriguez, Alexandria Aniyah Rubio, Layla Salazar, Jailah Silguero, Eliahna Cruz Torres, Rogelio Torres, and the 17 people injured;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, UCF Student Government recognizes that gun violence affects a majority of American adults, which can be extrapolated to include the UCF student body;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, UCF Student Government recognizes that the mass murder of children is a particularly heinous act and honors the victims of a mass shooting that were relatively young in age;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, UCF Student Government, as a body that serves an HSI, recognizes and condemns a tragedy that affects the Hispanic/Latinx community at large and within our university; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to UCF President Alexander Cartwright, Multicultural Academic and Support Services Director Wayne Johnson, Social Justice and Advocacy Director Justin Andrade, Multicultural Student Center, HSI Culture & Partnerships Director Cyndia Morales Muñiz, and Nicholson Student Media.

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