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**University of Central Florida  
Fifty-Fourth Student Body Senate  
Proclamation 54-10**

[Proclamation Celebrating Juneteenth on June 19, 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 celebrating extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;

**WHEREAS**, The purpose of Juneteenth is to celebrate and understand the effective end to slavery in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, The following clauses are sourced from The Emancipation Proclamation, which declared all those enslaved as free persons, and was issued by President Abraham Lincoln on September 22, 1862 and enacted January 1, 1863;

**WHEREAS**, African-Americans residing in the Confederacy still remained enslaved, gradually being liberated through the advocacy of the proclamation through soldiers of the Union Army;

**WHEREAS**, The final enslaved African-Americans became free in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, as the army declared all enslaved persons free by the executive order of the President of the United States;

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth spread from Texas to the rest of the nation and is the longest-running African-American holiday;

**WHEREAS**, The Juneteenth National Independence Day Act was introduced in February of 2021 by Senators Edward J. Markey (D-MA), John Cornyn (R-TX), Tina Smith (D-MN), and Cory Booker (D-NJ) and co-sponsored by 60 Senators;

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth was first recognized on June 19, 1865, which is the proper date when slaves were actually freed;

**WHEREAS**, President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law on June 19, 2021, as Juneteenth Day of Observance;

**WHEREAS**, 12.4% of the United States population is Black/African-American;

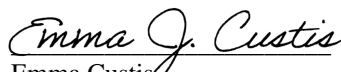
**WHEREAS**, 10.2% of the University of Central Florida students are Black/African-American; and

**WHEREAS**, The University of Central Florida held its first Juneteenth celebration in June of 2020, spearheaded by the Black Student Union.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Fifty-Fourth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida celebrates Juneteenth on June 19, 2022, and recognizes its importance to the African-American community; and

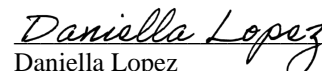
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to President Alexander Cartwright, Interim Provost Michael D. Johnson, Multicultural Academic and Support Services (MASS) Director Wayne Johnson, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Andrea Guzmán, Office of Student Involvement Associate Director Chantel Carter, Social Justice and Advocacy Director Justin Andrade, and SDES Vice President of Community Support Edwanna Andrews.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

  
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Senate President

06/20/2022

Date

  
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