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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Fourth Student Body Senate
Proclamation 54-11**

[Proclamation Recognizing Minority Mental Health 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, UCF in Fall 2021 recorded that 49.1% of students derive from minority communities with a population of 70,406 students;

WHEREAS, Reporting shows 4,341 Black students, 2,758 Asian students, and 11,677 Hispanic students;

WHEREAS, UCF is a renowned Hispanic Serving Institution, intentionally serving Latin UCF students and earning the Seal of Excelencia in 2021;

WHEREAS, July has been observed as Minority Mental Health Month since 2008, when it was recognized by the U.S. House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, Since COVID, minority communities have struggled to obtain direct access to mental health treatment services;

WHEREAS, The Mental Health of America (MHA) obtained data from a screening showing that multiracial individuals were most likely to screen positive or at risk for substance abuse disorders, anxiety, depression, eating disorders and psychosis;

WHEREAS, The MHA further showed that native and Indigenous individuals are most likely to screen for Bipolar Personality Disorder and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder;

WHEREAS, Black people are 20% more likely to report serious mental health distress compared to white adults;

WHEREAS, In 2019, Florida data on Hispanic individuals reported that 605.5 per 100,000 were hospitalized for mental health disorders;

WHEREAS, A study conducted found that from 2008 to 2012, 13.4% of Asian adults reported having mental illness issues;

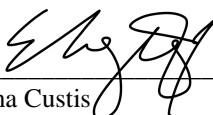
WHEREAS, Mental health is a topic that holds subjective opinions in differing minority communities yet diverse data has shown correlation between mental health and performance; and

WHEREAS, UCF is a diverse institution that respects all students and acknowledges that mental health advocacy is integral in minority communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Fourth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida recognize and honor the month of July as Minority Mental Health Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to Active Minds, Minds of the Masses, Black Man's Candor, and CAPS Peer Educators.


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