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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Fourth Student Body Senate
Proclamation 54-13**

[Proclamation Recognizing November 11th, 2022 as Veterans Day]

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, Veterans Day is a national and state holiday that is an important opportunity to honor the courageous individuals who have honorably served in the Armed Forces of the United States;

WHEREAS, The national observance honoring our veterans has its origins in Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I, before becoming the more inclusive Veterans Day in 1954;

WHEREAS, As Americans, we take great pride in honoring these individuals on this day and every day;

WHEREAS, The University of Central Florida currently has over 2,600 Student Veterans, Military Connected Students and Veteran Employees;

WHEREAS, Approximately 22 veterans tragically die by suicide every day;

WHEREAS, We must bring awareness to this issue and honor the sacrifices made by these individuals;

WHEREAS, UCF produces over 200 world-class leaders as commissioned officers annually through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Detachment 159 (Air Force) and the Fighting Knights Battalion (Army);

WHEREAS, The University of Central Florida's Office of Military and Veteran Student Success is creating pathways to educational and career goals through academic success, and since 2011 UCF has been named a "Military Friendly School" by G.I. Jobs Magazine; and has been named a 2022 Best for Vets College by the Military Times; and

WHEREAS, It is important to continue to support our student veterans, military-connected students, and employee veterans by acknowledging a special day to recognize their extraordinary service to our nation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Fifty-Fourth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that we proclaim the recognition of November 11th, 2022 as Veterans Day;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we will always honor and support the selfless sacrifices and courage of our veterans and their families;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve the historic heritage of freedom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to the University of Central Florida President, Dr. Alexander Cartwright; Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Dr. Andrea Guzmán; Director of Military and Veteran Student Success, Michael Kepner, USA, Ret.; Detachment 159 Commander, Colonel Michael Peeler, USAF; Fighting Knights Battalion Commander, LTC Keith Williams, USA; Veterans History Project; UCF Restores; Student Veterans of America UCF Chapter President, David Spang; and "All Students" and "All Staff" email lists.

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