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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Fourth Student Body Senate
Proclamation 54-14**

[Proclamation Recognizing October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness 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 United Nations defines domestic violence as a pattern of behaviors used to maintain power and control in any relationship;
WHEREAS, Nearly twenty (20) people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence;
WHEREAS, One (1) in four (4) women and one (1) in seven (7) men have experienced severe physical violence (i.e. beating, burning, strangulation) at the hand of an intimate partner according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence;
WHEREAS, the following information is derived from New Hope, an organization dedicated to curtailing violence and harassment in communities;
WHEREAS, Women ages 20-24 are the most at-risk of falling victim to domestic violence;
WHEREAS, Survivors of domestic violence face high rates of depression, sleep disturbances, anxiety, flashbacks, and other emotional distress according to New Hope;
WHEREAS, Twenty-six (26) instances of dating violence were reported on UCF's main campus in 2019 as stated in the Annual Security & Fire Safety Guide 2020-2021;
WHEREAS, Sixteen (16) instances of dating violence were reported in the UCF's on-campus housing in 2019 as stated in the Annual Security & Fire Safety Guide 2020-2021;
WHEREAS, Three (3) instances of domestic violence were reported on the UCF's main campus in 2019 as stated in the Annual Security & Fire Safety Guide 2020-2021;
WHEREAS, Sixty-five (65) percent of all murder suicides involve an intimate partner, whereas ninety-six (96) percent of the victims of these crimes are female according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCDV);
WHEREAS, UCF provides a number of resources for victims of domestic violence including Victim Services and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
WHEREAS, Beyond UCF's services, they may reach out to outside support services, such as New Hope, where they can reach out to support staff by calling 1-800-323-HOPE;
WHEREAS, UCF also provides services through Student Health Services (SHS) and Student Care Services (SCS) in order to help alleviate mental and physical trauma;
WHEREAS, Domestic violence impacts individuals of all races, ethnic groups, sexual orientations, ages, and social statuses; and
WHEREAS, Efforts made to end domestic violence along with the resilience of survivors of domestic violence should be recognized.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Fourth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that the University of Central Florida proclaims the recognition of October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and supports the events being hosted during the month, in hopes to raise awareness of the issue of domestic violence and end on-going violence; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to UCF President Alexander Cartwright, the Office of Institutional Equity, Victims Services, the UCF Police Department, Student Care Services (SCS), Green Dot, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), Title IX Response Team, Women Student Union, Girl Up Orlando, and Her Campus.

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