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**University of Central Florida  
Fifty-Fourth Student Body Senate  
Proclamation 54-18**

[Proclamation Recognizing February 7th, 2023 as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day]

**WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.04(G)(1) states the Student Body Advocacy (SBA) Committee shall pass measures advocating on behalf of the student body regarding student, and university affairs;

**WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 5.01(D)(1) states that Proclamations are defined as measures recognizing extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;

**WHEREAS**, Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day was founded in 1999 in response to the growing cases of HIV/AIDS in the Black/African American community;

**WHEREAS**, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Black/African American people make up 42% of 36,801 individuals with HIV/AIDS in the United States and dependent areas in 2019;

**WHEREAS**, According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Black/African American people make up 23.5% of the population of Orlando, Florida;

**WHEREAS**, Out of every 100 Black/African American people, 63% have received some type of HIV care, 43% receive regular care, and 53% of cases are virally suppressed;

**WHEREAS**, According to the CDC, in 2019, Florida was reported with having the highest number of HIV/AIDS cases of any state;

**WHEREAS**, 39% of the Orlando, Florida population that has HIV/AIDS is Black/African American and 45% of reported AIDS cases are Black/African American;

**WHEREAS**, Black/African American people make up 33% of new HIV/AIDS cases in Orlando, Florida;

**WHEREAS**, According to the Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health, the rate of Black/African American women in Orlando living with diagnosed HIV is 15 times that of white women;

**WHEREAS**, The Strategic Leadership Council under the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services supported by the Minority HIV/AIDS Fund plans National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day every year, and uses it as an opportunity to educate, hold testing, and increase fair treatment of the Black community;

**WHEREAS**, In 2017, the Orlando Immunology Center proclaimed February 7th as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and collaborates with many organizations across the city to bring awareness and education around the HIV/AIDS epidemic;

**WHEREAS**, The University of Central Florida's Student Health Services provides STI and HIV testing to students on campus, though treatment costs money and students without insurance coverage may have to pay for services;

**WHEREAS**, The University of Central Florida's Wellness and Health Promotion Services (WHPS) provides free HIV and STD testing and counseling to students;

**WHEREAS**, WHPS holds walk-in testing events monthly, with the closest event to National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day being February 9th; and

**WHEREAS**, Students who are tested for HIV/AIDS only need to have their finger pricked to be tested.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That it is the opinion of the Fifty-Fourth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that the University of Central Florida should recognize February 7th, 2022 as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and should support events that further the education of students, faculty, and staff on the disproportionate HIV/AIDS diagnoses of Black/African Americans in hopes to build a more inclusive and knowledgeable campus for all students; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to UCF President Alexander Cartwright, UCF Provost Michael D. Johnson, Ginsburg Center for Inclusion and Community Engagement Director Wayne Jackson, UCF Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dr. Andrea Guzman, Multicultural Student Center (MSC) Coordinator Stefanie Campbell, Office of Student Involvement Associate Director Chantel Carter, and SSWB Vice President of Community Support Dr. Edwanna Andrews.

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