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**University of Central Florida  
Fifty-Seventh Student Body Senate  
Proclamation 57-02**

[Proclamation Recognizing June as Pride Month and June 12, 2025, as Orlando United Day]

**WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.03(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 denounce extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;  
**WHEREAS**, the month of June is recognized nationally and globally as LGBTQ+ Pride Month, commemorating the 1969 Stonewall Uprising and over five decades of LGBTQ+ advocacy, courage, and community;  
**WHEREAS**, the first Pride marches in 1970, organized under the name Christopher Street Liberation Day, marked a turning point in the national LGBTQ+ movement by drawing thousands to march for visibility, dignity, and liberation;  
**WHEREAS**, Orlando is widely recognized as one of the most inclusive and affirming cities in Florida and the nation, a distinction deeply rooted in the city's collective response to the Pulse nightclub shooting on June 12, 2016, when 49 lives were taken in a targeted act of violence against the LGBTQ+ and Latinx communities;  
**WHEREAS**, the tragedy of Pulse became a transformative moment not just for Orlando, but for the world, as local leaders, survivors, families, and allies united in the face of hate to build a stronger, more inclusive community—making Orlando a model for LGBTQ+ resilience and solidarity even when compared to other major cities such as Miami;  
**WHEREAS**, in the years since, Orlando has emerged as a symbol of LGBTQ+ pride and strength, hosting world-renowned events such as GayDays, One Magical Weekend, Love & Liberation: A Boldly Unapologetic Juneteenth Pride Celebration, and The Pride Cup, along with performances, film screenings, and commemorations throughout the month of June;  
**WHEREAS**, UCF students, faculty, and staff participate in Pride Month celebrations as part of a shared commitment to inclusion, expression, and equity, and benefit from the advocacy of campus organizations such as Lavender Council, Pride Student Association, and the Multicultural Student Center;  
**WHEREAS**, the city of Orlando observes Orlando United Day annually on June 12 to honor the 49 lives lost in the Pulse Nightclub tragedy and to uplift the survivors, families, and first responders who continue to carry that legacy forward;  
**WHEREAS**, events such as the CommUNITY Rainbow Run, the Pulse Remembrance Ceremony, and Pride in Our City games with Orlando Pride and Orlando City Soccer Club exemplify how remembrance and celebration are intertwined in the city's fabric;  
**WHEREAS**, the memory of Pulse continues to inspire action at UCF, including annual tributes, moments of silence, safe zone trainings, and advocacy for LGBTQ+ protections and representation in Student Government and across campus life; and  
**WHEREAS**, Pride Month is not only a time to celebrate LGBTQ+ joy and progress, but also to reaffirm our collective responsibility to fight discrimination, defend civil rights, and create an environment where all Knights can live openly and authentically.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Fifty-Seventh Student Senate of the University of Central Florida, that Student Government formally recognizes the month of June as Pride Month and June 12 as Orlando United Day, and encourages all students to celebrate LGBTQ+ identities, histories, and contributions to the UCF and Central Florida community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to Vice President for Student Success and Well-Being Adrienne Frame, Vice President for Access and Community Engagement Andrea Guzmán, Civil Discourse & Engagement Director Haley G. Winston, Ed.D., Student Programs Coordinator for LGBTQ+ Services Emrys Murphy, the Multicultural Student Center, the Lavender Council, and the following active RSOs: ColorMeQueer, Everything Bagels @ UCF Hillel, Knights of the Paw, oSTEM, and the Pride Student Association.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

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