



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION · MODESTO A. MAIDIQUE CAMPUS
THE 37TH SESSION OF THE STUDENT SENATE

RESOLUTION HISTORY FOR LEGISLATIVE ARCHIVAL

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Committee Referral

None

To Show Support for the Black Lives Matter Movement and Pay Tribute to All Black Lives by Establishing Juneteenth as a University Holiday

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- a) This Resolution may be cited as the “Juneteenth as a University Holiday”;

SECTION 2. TERMS

- a) “FIU” refers to Florida International University, its administration, or the student community of the university;
- b) “SGA” will hereby refer to the Student Government Association at Florida International University;
- c) “The Senate” refers to the Senate of the Student Government Association at Florida International University;
- d) “Our University” refers to Florida International University;
- e) “SGA-MMC” refers to the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus;
- f) “SGA-BBC” refers to the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus;
- g) “Black Lives Matter” refers to a movement founded in 2013 by Alicia Garza, Opal Tometi, and Patrisse Cullors after the acquittal of George Zimmerman, Trayvon Martin’s



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killer, which seeks to advocate for and advance the causes of racial justice and criminal justice reform, among many others; [1]

- h) “Anti-Blackness” refers to any and all specific prejudice against, discrimination against, and oppression of Black people;
- i) “Institutionalized” refers to a common practice or custom that has been embedded in society;

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY

The proposal outlined in this Resolution is in compliance with the authority granted in Article III, Section 5 (A) 1 of the SGA Constitution as well as restated in Article III, Section 3.01 (b) i-1 of the SGC-MMC Statutes, stating that “[The Senate shall] enact and diligently carryout all legislation necessary and proper for the general welfare of the Student Body.”

SECTION 4. RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Florida International University is an urban public research university that strives to serve its students and the diverse population of South Florida and is committed to collaborative engagement with our local, national, and global communities;

WHEREAS, Florida International University strives to serve the greater community, with a primary emphasis on serving the greater Miami and South Florida area, in a manner which enhances the metropolitan area’s capability to meet the cultural, social and urban challenges which it faces;

WHEREAS, Juneteenth symbolizes freedom as the last enslaved people in Texas were freed two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued [5];

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a recognized in 45 states and is a state holiday in 3 states, where it is a day off for the general population, schools and most businesses are closed;



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WHEREAS, Members of the US Congress from both parties are proposing on making Juneteenth, a day that celebrates the end of slavery in the U.S., a federal holiday;

WHEREAS, Making Juneteenth a University Holiday would amplify the power of the SGA-MMC SR 3701, the “Commemoration of Black Lives Act”;

WHEREAS, all of the aforementioned causes in the previous clause seek to uphold FIU’s Values of “Truth, Freedom, Respect, Responsibility, and Excellence” [4] showing that both the Black Lives Matter movement’s interests and those of the FIU community are aligned;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus of Florida International University assembled, that SGC-MMC agrees in making Juneteenth a University Holiday. SGC-MMC stands in solidarity with our Black community as well as condemns any and all acts of institutionalized racism, racial injustice, and anti-Blackness;

Therefore, be it further resolved by the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus of Florida International University assembled, that SGC-MMC recognizes that, although the recent atrocities that occurred around the world have catalyzed this historic moment, racial injustice has been and continues to be a pervasive issue in our world. SGC-MMC supports the Black Lives Matter movement and sees it fit that this support be made official by this Resolution;

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT

This Resolution shall be presented to the Student Body, the FIU Board of Trustees, the FIU Foundation Board, made public to the FIU Community, and all relevant committees on behalf of the Student Body by the SGA;



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SECTION 6. ENACTMENT

This Resolution and all its contents shall be the official opinion of the SGC-MMC and upon passage by the SGC-MMC Senate and approval by the SGC-MMC Student Body President;

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon the enactment of this Resolution, this shall be the official opinion and position of the SGA and shall make any prior legislation that conflicts with this legislation hereby null and void.

[1] <https://blacklivesmatter.com/about/>

[2] <https://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1052&context=ucf>

[3] <https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-matters-2020/>

[4] <https://www.fiu.edu/about/vision-and-mission/index.html>

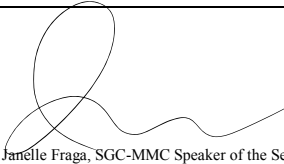

[5] <https://blacklivesmatter.com/make-juneteenth-a-national-holiday/>

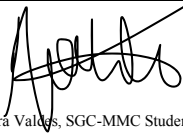


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IN FAVOR OF: 28	AGAINST: 0	ABSTENTIONS: 0
AMENDMENTS: APPENDED ON BACK:		

SENATE ACTION	DATE: 06/30/2020	PASSED	FAILED
 Janelle Fraga, SGC-MMC Speaker of the Senate			
 Amelia Raudales			

EXECUTIVE ACTION	DATE:	ENACTED	VETOED
 Alexandra Valdes, SGC-MMC Student Body President			