

Student Body Senate
Florida International University
Miami, Florida
S.R. 03 004

Victims of Communism and Socialism Day

IN THE SENATE

September 12, 2022

CASE Senator Delano Cicconi, Business Senator Ian Lares-Chacín, CASE Senator Nathalie Jusino and Business Senator Matthew Gaynor introduced the following resolution, which was presented on the Senate floor:

A RESOLUTION

To create a recognized FIU holiday on November 7th of every year to recognize the victims of communism and socialism around the world. This holiday will also commemorate and honor all the FIU students, past and present, who have overcome the effects of communist and socialist regimes over the past 50 years of FIU history.

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University assembled,



Delano Cicconi



Ian Lares-Chacín



Nathalie Jusino



Matthew Gaynor

Whereas, victims of communism and socialism have suffered under numerous regimes for over one-hundred years;¹

Whereas, over one-hundred million people across the world, which includes but is not limited to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, People's Republic of China, Republic of Cuba, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Republic of Nicaragua, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Polish People's Republic, and Democratic People's Republic of Korea, have been murdered in these communist and socialist countries, with millions more being displaced, forcibly emigrated, or exiled;²

Whereas, the student government association of Florida International University acknowledges that nearly 70% of the student body is Hispanic, with the families of many FIU students having been displaced due to communist and socialist regimes;³

Whereas, the student government association of Florida International University also urges students and student organizations to speak up about their or their members experiences facing communist and socialist regimes;

Whereas, communist and socialist regimes worldwide have ripped the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness from students and young people around the world;¹

Whereas, these regimes have countlessly violated human rights across the globe, and have suppressed freedom of thought, those who do speak out against their tyrannical governments are unjustly punished or worse;²

Whereas, based on the economic and political concepts developed by Karl Marx, communism and socialism have been shown to be irreconcilable with the ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness valued in the United States of America, as well as at FIU;

Whereas, communism and socialism have empowered a multitude of tyrannical and genocidal regimes across the world for more than century, including those of Joseph Stalin, Vladimir Lenin, Mao Zedong, Hugo Chavez, and Fidel Castro;⁴

Whereas, the student government association of Florida International University stands with victims of communism worldwide, and condemns these totalitarian and authoritarian regimes;

Whereas, all FIU calendars shall recognize November 7th as "Victims of Communism and Socialism Day," on this day students can celebrate those who have overcome such challenges while also mourning those who have been persecuted or perished as a result of this flawed system of government ⁵

Now Therefore, the Senate of the Student Body Resolves that “On November 7 of each year 'Victims of Communism and Socialism Day,' shall be observed as a day honoring the more than 100 million people who have fallen victim to communist and socialist regimes across the world.”

¹ 100 million people killed by communism and socialism: <https://www.outono.net/elentir/2017/12/18/the-more-than-100-million-deaths-that-communism-caused-divided-by-countries/>

² 100 Million Deaths from Socialism: <https://www.heritage.org/progressivism/commentary/what-americans-must-know-about-socialism>

³ FIU boasts a population of Hispanic students around 70%
<https://news.fiu.edu/2019/fiu-receives-first-ever-seal-of-excelencia-for-its-success-in-educating-latino-students#:~:text=FIU's%20student%20body%20is%2066.in%20STEM%2C%20specifically%20in%20engineering>

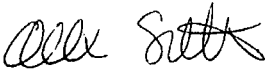
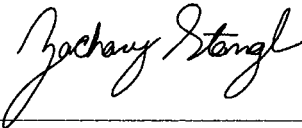
⁴ The Chinese Communist Party's Human Rights Abuses in Xinjiang: <https://2017-2021.state.gov/ccpabuses/index.html>

⁵ HB 395 Victims of Communism Day Bill: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/395/BillText/er/PDF>



Senate Resolution Transmission Form


This resolution is presented by the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University. It is presented by the Senate President Pro-Tempore and affixed with the signature of the Senate President. Both the Senate President and the Senate President Pro-Tempore affirm that the information presented below is accurate and that the resolution has successfully passed in the Senate of the Student Body. The resolution is presented on this day and at this hour for signature or veto.

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Date Introduced:	<i>06/29/2022</i>		
Committees Assigned:	(1) Rules and Administration (2) Student Life and Academic Concerns		
Vote in Committee 1: <i>07/14/2022</i>	3 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote in Committee 2: <i>06/29/2022</i>	4 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote on the Senate Floor: <i>09/12/2022</i>	18 <i>For</i>	14 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
			
Signature of the Senate President	Signature of the Senate President Pro-Tempore		

Presidential Signature of a Senate Resolution

On This day, at this time, and in this place, The Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University does hereby present this resolution to the desk of the President of the Student Body for Signature or Veto. The Senate has passed this resolution and all its accompaniments, in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes of the Student Government Association at Florida International University. It is presented in good faith, whereas the officers of the Senate have affixed their Signatures to affirm that the resolution has followed due procedure and is valid. The Senate will await your decision.

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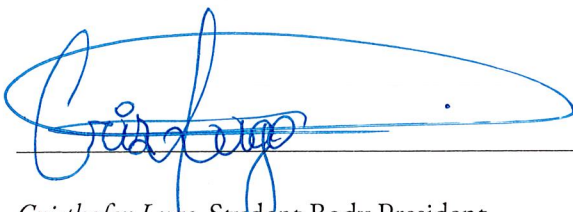
Alexander P. Sutton, Senate President



Zachary Stangl, Senate President Pro-Tempore



Fernando Melara, Senate Floor Leader



Cristhofer Lugo, Student Body President

Approved

Vetoed



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