The 43rd Session of the Student Body Senate

Florida International University

Miami, Florida

S.R. 07 001

Reaffirming the Student Body Senate's Opposition to the 287(g) Agreement between the FIU Police Department and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Condemning Abuses Associated with Federal Immigration Enforcement, and Requiring Documentation and Dissemination of the Senate's Position

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IN THE SENATE

October 5th, 2026

Manuel Fernandez (for himself, Joshua Espinoza, Alicia Bolton, Jenisha Doll, and others) introduced the following resolution, which was presented on the Senate floor

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_A RESOLUTION

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

Signed by:
Manuel Fernandez
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Signed by:
Alicia Bolton
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Alicia Bolton

Signed by:
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Alexandria Gopee, President,
FIU College Democrats

Signed by:
Joshua Espinoza
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Joshua Espinoza

Signed by:
Kamila Gonzalez
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Kamila Gonzalez, VP,
FIU College Democrats

Signed by:
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Jenisha Doll

Whereas, the mission of Florida International University (FIU) and its Student Government

Association includes fostering a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all students, regardless of immigration status, national origin, race, or background; and

Whereas, Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act authorizes the federal government to enter into agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies through which designated officers may perform certain immigration-enforcement functions under the direction and supervision of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); and

Whereas, the Florida International University Police Department (FIUPD) entered into a 287(g) Task Force Model agreement with ICE on July 2, 2025, making FIUPD a participating agency in the federal 287(g) program; and

Whereas, the Task Force Model is the most expansive of the 287(g) models and permits participating, trained, and authorized law-enforcement officers to perform certain federal immigration-enforcement functions, including questioning individuals concerning their immigration status and exercising specified arrest and detention authorities pursuant to federal immigration law; and

Whereas, the delegation of federal immigration-enforcement authority to university police officers creates a substantial risk of conflating the University's responsibility for campus safety with the federal government's responsibility for immigration enforcement; and

Whereas, the participation of university police in federal immigration enforcement may undermine trust between students and campus law enforcement, particularly among immigrant students, international students, students from mixed-status families, and other members of the FIU community who may reasonably fear that interactions with campus police could expose them to immigration consequences; and

Whereas, in January 2026, US citizens Renee Good and Alex Pretti were fatally shot during separate immigration-enforcement operations in Minneapolis, resulting in widespread public concern regarding the use of force, transparency, accountability, and the appropriate role of federal immigration-enforcement personnel in American communities; and

Whereas, these incidents demonstrate the serious consequences that can arise when immigration enforcement becomes increasingly integrated into broader operations and reinforce the importance of clearly defined limits, accountability, and public oversight; and

Whereas, FIU students have continued to express opposition to the University's relationship with ICE, including a March 2026 silent protest in which students displayed "ICE OFF FIU" shirts during an on-campus event; and

Whereas, the disciplinary proceedings against those students have further heightened concerns among members of the FIU community regarding the University's treatment of students who express opposition to immigration-enforcement policies on campus; and

Whereas, the Student Body Senate previously considered Resolution S.R. 06 009, entitled "Condemning ICE Violence and Calling for the Termination of the 287(g) Agreement", on March 16, 2026; and

Whereas, the official minutes of the Student Body Senate document that S.R. 06 009 received nineteen (19) votes in favor, two (2) votes against, and one (1) abstention, and was therefore passed by the Senate; and

Whereas, the March 2026 resolution called upon FIU Administration to terminate its participation in the 287(g) agreement, limit voluntary cooperation with federal immigration enforcement, protect student privacy and safety, and publicly communicate the Senate's position to the FIU student body; and

Whereas, despite the Senate's adoption of S.R. 06 009, the actions requested therein have not been completed to the satisfaction of the Senate, and the required public communication concerning the resolution was not disseminated within the fourteen (14) calendar-day period established by the legislation; and

Whereas, the Student Body Senate has a responsibility to maintain an accurate legislative record and to ensure that legislation duly considered and passed by the Senate is properly documented, transmitted, and communicated; and

Whereas, reintroducing this legislation provides the Senate with an opportunity to reaffirm its previously adopted position, account for developments occurring since March 2026, establish clear implementation requirements, and ensure that the Senate's position is properly preserved in the official legislative record; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Student Body Senate of Florida International University that the Senate hereby reaffirms its opposition to FIU's participation in the 287(g) program and its previous call for the termination of the 187(g) agreement between FIUPD and ICE; and

Be it further resolved, that the Student Body Senate urges the FIU Administration and FIUPD to terminate the University's participation in the 287(g) agreement with ICE and to return responsibility for federal immigration enforcement to the appropriate federal authorities; and

Be it further resolved, that, pending the termination of the agreement, the Student Body Senate urges FIU Administration and FIUPD to adopt and publicly communicate clear policies limiting voluntary cooperation with federal immigration enforcement to circumstances required by applicable law, including a requirement that requests for access to nonpublic university spaces, records, or individuals be reviewed by appropriate University legal counsel and administrators before voluntary compliance; and

Be it further resolved, that the Student Body Senate urges the University to protect student privacy and confidentiality to the fullest extent permitted by law and to ensure that students are

not discouraged from seeking academic, medical, counseling, housing, or other University services because of concerns regarding their immigration status or potential interaction with federal immigration authorities; and

Be it further resolved, that the Student Body Senate affirms that FIU students retain their rights to lawful freedom of speech, peaceful assembly, and expression concerning immigration policy, the 287(g) agreement, and the actions of the University or government officials, consistent with applicable law and University policy; and

Be it further resolved, that the Student Government Association shall issue an official public statement announcing the adoption of this resolution and reaffirming the Senate's call for termination of FIU's 287(g) agreement; and

Be it further resolved, that the official statement shall be disseminated through the Student Government Association's official social media platforms and PantherConnect and, where feasible, through an email communication to the FIU student body; and

Be it further resolved, that such communication shall be released no later than fourteen (14) calendar days following the adoption of this resolution and shall clearly identify the resolution, summarize the Senate's position, state the actions requested of FIU Administration, and identify the date on which the communication was disseminated; and

Be it further resolved, that the responsibility for disseminating the statement shall rest with the appropriate Student Government officers or their designated representatives, consistent with applicable Student Government procedures, and that the officer or designee responsible for publication shall provide the Senate with documentation confirming publication no later than three (3) calendar days following the date of the publication; and

Be it further resolved, the Student Government Association statement shall state: "The FIU Student Government Senate has reaffirmed its opposition to the University's participation in the 287(g) agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and has again called upon the University Administration to terminate its participation in the agreement. The Senate condemns the use of excessive, unjustified, or unlawful force in immigration enforcement and believes that campuses should be places of learning, safety, and opportunity, not fear or federal immigration enforcement. We stand for the safety, dignity, privacy, and equal access to education of all Panthers."; and

Be it further resolved, that the statement required by this resolution shall be published verbatim and without substantive alteration. No officer, executive branch official, administrator, or designees of the Student Government Association shall modify, remove, supplement, reinterpret, or otherwise alter the substance, meaning, or position expressed in the statement before its publication, and that no substantive alteration of the Senate's position shall be made without

authorization from the Senate or as otherwise required by governing Student Government rules; and

Be it further resolved, that non-substantive modifications necessary solely for formatting, accessibility, platform character limits, hyperlinking, or compliance with applicable University technical requirements shall be permissible, provided that such modifications do not alter the substance, meaning, or position of this resolution; and

Be it further resolved, that failure to publish the statement within the fourteen (14) calendar-day period shall be documented in the official records of the Student Government Association and reported to the Senate at its next regularly scheduled meeting; and

Be it finally resolved, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the University President, Board of Trustees, Campus Police, and relevant administrative offices, and that the Senate continue to advocate for a campus environment rooted in dignity and the safety of all students.

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 Speaker Pro-Tempore and affixed with the signature of the Senate President. Both the Senate Speaker and the Senate Speaker 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:	*September 13, 2026*		
Committees Assigned:	(1) Internal Affairs Committee		
Vote in Committee 1: *09/21/2026*	**1** *For*	**4** *Against*	**0** *Abstaining*
Vote on the Senate Floor: *10/26/2026*	**15** *For*	**7** *Against*	**5** *Abstaining*
Sharon Polo Signature of the Senate Speaker		Andrea G. Millan Signature of the Senate Speaker 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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Sharon Polo

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Sharon Polo, Senate President

Andrea G. Millan

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Kaitlyn Castro, Senate Floor Leader