

Resolution: 18-19 RS VII

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To read as follows:

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida emphasizes the importance of recognizing and celebrating each student with their unique and diverse background; and

WHEREAS, no student should feel unsafe, unwelcomed, targeted or discriminated against; and

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida stands for inclusion and unity, and believes in love and does not tolerate hate of any sort; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2018 eleven innocent lives were taken during a massacre shooting at a Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The eleven lives taken were targeted due to their religious identity of Judaism; and

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida's Student Government Association represents all students from various backgrounds and is charged with ensuring that we are doing our part to make sure every student's voice is heard, that every student feels welcomed, and that regardless of any of their beliefs they are accepted; and

WHEREAS, less than 2% of the overall American population practices Judaism; and

WHEREAS, at the University of West Florida there are no Student Organizations convening, practicing, or educating the student body on the Judaism Faith; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association is obligated to communicate the needs of all students; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association, on behalf of the University of West Florida Student Body: will work towards bringing awareness to not only the Judaism faith but all faiths on the campus. The Student Government Association, will work on initiatives geared towards educating the student body on different religions as well as developing a place of dialogue for students to learn and ask questions about different cultural practices which will help students learn and develop cultural tolerance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of West Florida Student Government Association reaffirms their support for cultural differences and variations amongst our campus. Not only that but the Student Government Association encourages cultural variations and practices amongst our campus and students.

Mr. Brandon Malone Student Body President

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