



Resolution: (20-21) RS I (GEORGE FLOYD)

Authors: Vice President Gardner and Budgets & Allocation Chair Johnson

To read as follows:

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida in accordance with the Student Government Association is responsible with inclusivity for all students of diverse backgrounds, and

WHEREAS, the preservation of the University of West Florida's students' voice and safety is of significance to student body leaders and administration, and

WHEREAS, UWF SGA passed in 2016-2017 Resolution II proclaiming that black lives matter at UWF and have since continuously, and

WHEREAS, the public lynching of George Floyd, an African-American man from Minneapolis, Minnesota, occurred on May 25, 2020, by police officers, and

WHEREAS, Floyd's lynching along with others brought focus to the fight for justice through the #BlackLivesMatter movement, and

WHEREAS, #BlackLivesMatter was founded as an online community to help combat anti-Black racism across the globe in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer, and

WHEREAS, #BlackLivesMatter works vigorously for freedom and justice for Black people and, by extension, all people, and

WHEREAS, racial violence in the United States has recently intensified since the Aundre Arbery and Breonna Taylor cases as resulting in public demonstrations and protests, and



WHEREAS, demonstrators have funneled their anguish through protests in cities like Minneapolis, New York, Brunswick, and Pensacola, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we acknowledge, respect, and value our commonalities, as well as differences, by expressing our solidarity with the Black Community. We stand against racial injustice and advocate for justice for Black lives, and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that SGA's Director of Diversity Initiatives shall spearhead roundtable discussion events and social events throughout this year bringing together all African American identity-based organizations across campus, and

BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is given to Student Body President Jordan Negrón, the African American Student Association, National Pan-Hellenic Council, President Dr. Martha Saunders, all members of the President's Cabinet, and the Faculty's Senate and Staff's Senate.

Mr. Jordan Negrón
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Senate Pro Tempore