



Resolution: 21-22 RS II: Black History Month

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To read as follows:

WHEREAS, Black History Month begins February 1st and ends on the 28th of February, or the 29th of February on a leap year; and

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida Student Government Association acknowledges and appreciates Black History Month and has done so in the past by highlighting our Black and African-American student leaders on campus through our social media accounts or through a flier acknowledging Black History Month; and

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

WHEREAS, According to UWF's Diversity Plan, diversity is defined as "the various attributes we each possess based on characteristics from birth, experience[s] we have had, and decisions we have made" and inclusion is defined as "acknowledging and leveraging diversity by creating an environment where students, faculty and staff feel accepted, and valued"; and

WHEREAS, The University of West Florida enrolled 1,459 African-American and Black students during the Fall semester of 2021; and

WHEREAS, The University of West Florida plans to achieve diversity and inclusivity by following strategies and a timeline that will help them complete five diversity goals; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of West Florida Student Government Association shall annually hang a banner in the Commons for the duration of the month of February starting February 1st, 2023 in recognition of Black History Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The University of West Florida Student Government Association Freshman Committee shall annually implement through social media a strategic communication plan to celebrate Black History Month starting August, 2022.

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