



Resolution: 22- 23 RS # V: Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2022

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To read as follows:

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month begins on the 1st of October and ends on the 31st of October; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is defined by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as “willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and controlled perpetrated by one intimate partner against another”; and

WHEREAS, over 70% of college students in the United States do not realize that they are being abused by their partner; and

WHEREAS, Healing Abuse Working for Change identifies 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men as having experienced domestic violence in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence identifies that 20% of the LGBTQIA+ community experience some form of physical violence in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida is committed to the safety of its students and faculty through numerous initiatives and programs; and

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida Peer Educators, Sigma Alpha Mu, and Alpha Gamma Delta provide assistance to Take Back The Night, which is an event that honors victims of domestic violence, including Sigma Alpha Mu sweetheart Susan Morris; and

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida Student Government Association 2021-2022 Freshmen Committee provided tabling information during Take Back The Night.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of West Florida Student Government Association stands with the victims of domestic violence and shall implement a strategic communication plan through social media to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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Whereas, [Main Problem Definition. Be as specific as possible; unemotional; and factual. Avoid inflated superlatives. If the issue is complex, the problem definition can be broken into multiple Whereas Clauses. Facts stated in the Problem Definition must include appropriate citations that substantiate what is asserted.]

Whereas, [Followed with additional facts necessary to build the case. Facts should be as specific as possible and “unemotional.” All facts should include citations that give credibility to what is being asserted or advocated.]

Whereas, [If not already addressed, the next section should identify what steps have been taken to address the problem and why those results have been unsatisfactory. In other words, we shouldn’t request the President handle an issue that we haven’t first attempted to resolve ourselves. This section also puts into the record what coordination has been attempted or accomplished.]

Whereas, [If not already addressed, the final Whereas Clause must confirm the problem comes under the authority of the Assembly. Essentially, this clause should reference an item listed in the Assembly Charter, or must confirm that this issue affects the assembly’s constituent group.]

Resolution

Contains the “Be it Resolved” clauses

Be it therefore resolved, [state what action you want the President’s Office to take. Be as specific as possible. The action should logically follow the facts built into the Whereas Clauses. Can be broken into multiple clauses.]

Resolved, [list additional actions, as necessary. Ensure all Resolved Clauses are “unemotional” and realistic.]

Be it finally resolved, [as appropriate, state what follow-on monitoring should be taken. For instance, a status update to the assembly each academic semester; or appointment of a liaison, etc. Resolutions may take more than the current assembly session to implement. How do we help future Assemblies keep track?]

Notes

<https://hawcdv.org/the-truth-about-domestic-violence-on-college-campuses/>

<https://ncadv.org/2022DVAM>

<https://ncadv.org/signs-of-abuse>

<https://hawcdv.org/give-help-now/help-someone-you-know/>