



# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL · MODESTO A. MAIDIQUE CAMPUS  
THE 37TH SESSION OF THE STUDENT SENATE

<b>Resolution Item</b>	<i>SR3701</i>
<b>Formal Title</b>	<i>Justice for All Black Lives</i>
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<b>Filed</b>	<i>06-01-20</i>
<b>Committee Referral</b>	<i>None</i>

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## **A Resolution to Show Support for the Black Lives Matter Movement and Pay Tribute to All Black Lives**

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### **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

- a) This Resolution may be cited as the “Commemoration of Black Lives Act”.

### **SECTION 2. TERMS**

- a) “FIU” refers to Florida International University, its administration, or the student community of the university;



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- b) “SGC-MMC” refers to the Student Government Council of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus of Florida International University;
- c) “PSUFC” refers to the Pride Student Union Formation Committee;
- d) “Black Lives Matter” refers to a movement founded in 2013 by Alicia Garza, Opal Tometi, and Patrisse Cullors after the acquittal of George Zimmerman, Trayvon Martin’s killer, which seeks to advocate for and advance the causes of racial justice and criminal justice reform, among many others; [1]
- e) “Intersectionality” refers to the term coined by Professor Kimberlé Crenshaw which describes concept that explains that the different facets of a person’s identity coalesce and cause them to experience unique forms of discrimination; [2]
- f) “Anti-Blackness” refers to any and all specific prejudice against, discrimination against, and oppression of Black people.

## SECTION 3. AUTHORITY

The proposal outlined in this Resolution is in compliance with the authority granted in Article III, Section 5 (A) 1 of the SGA Constitution as well as restated in Article III, Section 3.01 (b) i-1 of the SGC-MMC Statutes, stating that “[The Senate shall] enact and diligently carryout all legislation necessary and proper for the general welfare of the Student Body.”

## SECTION 4. RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the FIU community mourns the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, Nina Pop, Susan Bogle, and George Floyd, all of whom were murdered;

**WHEREAS**, since its inception in 2013 after the murder of Trayvon Martin, the Black Lives Matter movement has focused on tackling issues such as racial injustice, criminal justice reform, and police brutality against the Black community;” [3]

**WHEREAS**, all of the aforementioned causes in the previous clause seek to uphold FIU’s Values of “Truth, Freedom, Respect, Responsibility, and Excellence” [4] showing that both the Black Lives Matter movement’s interests and those of the FIU community are aligned;



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**WHEREAS**, in this moment it is important to remember the intersectionality of the experience of Black people, and “affirm the lives of Black queer and trans folks, disabled folks, undocumented folks, folks with record, women, and all Black lives along the gender spectrum.”  
[1]

*Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus of Florida International University assembled, that FIU SGA is in solidarity with our Black community and condemns any and all acts of police brutality, racial injustice, and anti-Blackness. FIU SGA hopes that the murderers of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, Nina Pop, Susan Bogle and George Floyd are brought to justice and that they be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.*

*Therefore, be it further resolved by the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus of Florida International University assembled, that FIU SGA recognizes that, although the recent atrocities that occurred around the world have catalyzed this historic moment, racial injustice has been and continues to be a pervasive issue in our world. FIU SGA supports the Black Lives Matter movement and sees it fit that this support be made official by this Resolution.*

## SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon the passage of this Resolution by the SGC-MMC Senate and its signing by the SGC-MMC President, this shall become the official opinion and position of the SGC-MMC.

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[1] <https://blacklivesmatter.com/about/>

[2] <https://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1052&context=uclf>

[3] <https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-matters-2020/>

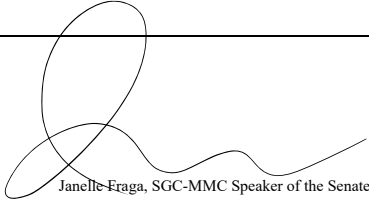



[4] <https://www.fiu.edu/about/vision-and-mission/index.html>


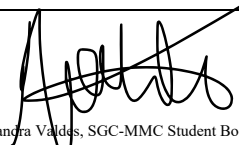


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JUSTICE FOR ALL BLACK LIVES		
IN FAVOR OF: 25	AGAINST: 0	ABSTENTIONS: 4
AMENDMENTS: APPENDED ON BACK:		

SENATE ACTION	DATE: 06/01/2020	<u>PASSED</u>	FAILED
 Janelle Fraga, SGC-MMC Speaker of the Senate			
 , Bryan Gomez	 , Jaquan Starling	 , Jordan Daniels	

EXECUTIVE ACTION	DATE 06-18-2020	 ENACTED	VETOED
 Alexandra Valdes, SGC-MMC Student Body President			