Student Body Senate

Florida International University

Miami, Florida

S.R. 02 005

COVID-19 Resiliency Act

IN THE SENATE

September 13, 2021

SIPA Senator David Luis, Graduate Senator Joshua Mandall, and Medical Senator Manuela Jaramillo introduced the following Resolution which was presented on the Senate Floor

A RESOLUTION

To address new issues with the COVID-19 Delta variant,

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University assembled,

David Luis

Manuela Jaramillo



Whereas, The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported a total of 212 million confirmed COVID-19 cases worldwide¹, The Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported 41.4 million COVID-19 confirmed cases in the United States, of which, there are 3.4 million COVID-19 confirmed cases in Florida²,

Whereas, The WHO has reported 4.64 million COVID-19 related deaths worldwide³, The CDC reported 662,620 COVID-19 related deaths in the United States, and 49,257 coronavirus-related deaths in Florida⁴,

Whereas, the COVID-19 virus is a highly infectious disease that has negatively affected the health of the Student Body severely,

Whereas, the Student Government Association of Florida International University acknowledges that masks and vaccinations have been proven to be effective in combating the COVID-19 virus,

Whereas, the Student Government Association recommends the Student Body to wear masks while on campus, to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and to social distance while on campus unless it puts the student's health at risk,

Whereas, the Student Government Association also acknowledges the Student Body's right to choose to wear a mask and receive the FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine⁵ to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Students' personal liberties shall be respected by the Student Government Association in accordance with Federal and State laws and regulations,

Whereas, the Student Government Association aligns itself with the policies created and adopted by FIU and the Government of the State of Florida,

Now Therefore, The Senate of the Student Body Resolves that the COVID-19 Delta variant is highly contagious. Therefore, the Student Government Association recommends all students to wear a mask, to get the COVID-19 vaccine, and to social distance, unless it puts the student's health at risk.

¹ World Health Organization. (n.d.). WHO Coronavirus (COVID-19) Dashboard. Https://Covid19.Who.Int/.

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.). *COVID Data Tracker*. <u>Https://Covid.Cdc.Gov/Covid-</u>Data-Tracker/#trends totalcases.

³ World Health Organization. (n.d.). WHO Coronavirus (COVID-19) Dashboard. Https://Covid19.Who.Int/.

⁴ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.). *COVID Data Tracker*. <u>Https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#trends</u> totaldeaths

⁵ United States Food and Drug Administration. (n.d.). *FDA Approves First COVID-19 Vaccine*. Https://Www.Fda.Gov/News-Events/Press-Announcements/Fda-Approves-First-Covid-19-Vaccine.



Senate Resolution Transmission Form

This Resolution is presented by the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University presiding in its second session in the year 2021. It is presented by the Senate President Pro-Tempore and affixed with the signature of the Senate President. Both the Senate President and the Senate President Pro-Tempore affirm that the information presented below is accurate and that the resolution has successfully passed in the Senate of the Student Body. The resolution is presented on this day and this hour for signature or veto.

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Date Introduced:	09/13/2021		
Committees Assigned	Committee on Rules and Administration Committee 1	Student Health and Well-being Committee Committee 2	Committee Name Committee 3
Vote in Committee 1	4	0	0
	For	Against	Abstaining
Vote in Committee 2	6	0	0
	For	Against	Abstaining
Vote in Committee 3	0	0	0
	For	Against	Abstaining
Vote on the Senate	26 <i>For</i>	0	0
Floor		Against	Abstaining
Signature of the Senate President		Signature of the Senate President Pro-Tempore	



Presidential Signature of a Senate Resolution

On This day, at this time, and in this place, The Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University does hereby present this resolution to the desk of the President of the Student Body for Signature or Veto. The Senate has passed this resolution and all its accompaniments, in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes of the Student Government Association at Florida International University. It is presented in good faith, whereas the officers of the Senate have affixed their Signatures to affirm that the resolution has followed due procedure and is valid. The Senate will await your decision.

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Nicolas Pastrana Senate President

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Approved

Vetoed

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