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JR-20SA-3508: Joint Resolution Rejecting White Supremacy and Police Brutality in the City of Jacksonville

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- 1 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent
2 student concerns in all University wide matters, and;
- 3 Whereas: The Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida’s Student Government given
4 the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary and proper for the
5 Student Body of the University of North Florida, and;
- 6 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida has a constitutional duty to
7 advocate for matters concerning the student body;
- 8 Whereas: The University of North Florida’s core values include “Ethical Conduct, Community
9 Engagement, Diversity, and Mutual Respect and Civility”;
- 10 Whereas: The University of North Florida professes a responsibility to the student body’s wellbeing and
11 safety as a basic human right;
- 12 Whereas: The University of North Florida and its students are part of the Jacksonville community;
- 13 Whereas: In response to the unjust deaths of George Floyd and countless other Black lives, protests have
14 broken out across the nation, including in the City of Jacksonville;
- 15 Whereas: The Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office and the Office of the Mayor ~~have~~ demonstrated a disregard for
16 de-escalation efforts and the right to assemble ~~within their~~ increased police presence and
17 implementation of city-wide curfews;
- 18 Whereas: The Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office ~~has~~ deployed excessive force on peaceful protestors by using
19 ~~including~~ tear gas and pepper spray, rather than ~~using~~ de-escalation techniques;
- 20 Whereas: The Chemical Weapons Convention of 1993 establishes tear gas as a chemical weapon and
21 ~~prohibits the use of designates it as a riot control agents; such as tear gas, during times of~~
22 ~~international warfare;~~
- 23 Whereas: Peaceful protests were held in the City of Jacksonville, where tear gas, a riot control agent and
24 chemical weapon, was used unjustifiably;
- 25 Whereas: ~~These Riot control~~ agents have been used against members of the University of North Florida
26 and Jacksonville communities by the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office;
- 27 Therefore: Let it be known that the Student Government at the University of North Florida rejects all forms
28 of institutional racism, police brutality, and white supremacy; affirms the rights and dignity of
29 Black lives; and calls for the end of excessive force and riot control agents like tear gas in Duval
30 County;
- 31 Furthermore: Upon passage, let this Joint Resolution be forwarded to ~~Danyelle Stokes, Danyelle Stokes,~~
32 Advisor of the UNF Student Alliance for Inclusion and Diversity, Alison Cruess, Director of the



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[UNF Commission on Diversity and Inclusion](#), all 19 members of the Jacksonville City Council,
Mayor Lenny Curry, and Sheriff Mike Williams

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Legislative Action

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Committee: University and Student Affairs
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Senate Action: 14-0-3
Date of Action: 06/26/2020

Signed and Delivered to the Student Body President
on this 2 day of July, 2020.

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3:17 P.M. July, 2, 2020

Signed: _____

Rachel Saunders, Student Senate President

Executive Action

Let it be known that **JR-20SA-3508** is hereby
APPROVED / **VETOED** / LINE-ITEM VETOED
on this 7 day of July, 2020.

Signed, _____

Ally Schneider, Student Body President

Signed and Delivered to the Senate Secretary

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