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SENATE LEGISLATION

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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 increased police presence and
16 implemented city-wide curfews due to protests in Jacksonville;
- 17 Whereas: The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office deployed tear gas and pepper spray on protestors;
- 18 Whereas: The Chemical Weapons Convention of 1993 establishes tear gas as a chemical weapon and
19 designates it as a riot control agent;
- 20 Whereas: These riot control agents have been used against members of the University of North Florida
21 and Jacksonville communities by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office who were present at the
22 protest;
- 23 Whereas: The Student Government at the University of North Florida rejects all forms of institutional
24 racism, police brutality, and white supremacy; and affirms the rights and dignity of Black lives;
- 25 Therefore: Let it be known that the Student Government at the University of North Florida calls for the
26 implementation of de-escalation techniques and community-based solutions rather than
27 increased police presence and riot control agents in the City of Jacksonville.
- 28 Furthermore: Upon passage, let this Joint Resolution be forwarded to Danyelle Stokes, Advisor of the UNF
29 Student Alliance for Inclusion and Diversity, Alison Cruess, Director of the UNF Commission
30 on Diversity and Inclusion, all 19 members of the Jacksonville City Council, Mayor Lenny Curry,
31 and Sheriff Mike Williams.



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Legislative Action

Executive Action

Author: Matilda Phan
Sponsor: Dee Parker
Committee: University and Student Affairs
Committee Action: 5-0-0
Date of Committee Action: 06/19/2020
Senate Action: 13-0-0
Date of Action: 07/10/20

Signed and Delivered to the Student Body President
on this 22 day of SEPT., 2020

Let it be known that JR-20SA-3508A is hereby
APPROVED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED
on this 13 day of Oct, 2020

Signed, _____
Ally Schneider, Student Body President

Signed and Delivered to the Senate Secretary

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Signed: _____
Rachel Saunders, Student Senate President