

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-147

TITLE: Resolution Respectfully Asking the UF Administration to Consider Signing the We Are Still In Declaration

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WHEREAS, it has been shown that human activity accelerates climate change; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Office of Sustainability launched the Neutral UF Coalition program in 2016 with the goal of reaching carbon neutrality by 2025; and,

WHEREAS, former UF President Dr. Bernie Machen became the first signatory to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment in 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the We Are Still In Coalition declares that they will continue to reduce emissions and combat the causes of climate change in accordance with the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, US cities, states and tribes, businesses, universities, and other non-federal actors have signed the We Are Still In declaration and established the largest national coalition in support of climate action; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida's Strategic Plan recognizes that part of the University of Florida's land-grant mission is to be a good steward of the environment on campus and around the Gainesville community; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida's Strategic Plan includes a goal to strengthen public engagement of the university's programs with local, national, and international communities; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that the university already has the proper measures in place to sign the We Are Still In Declaration.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate respectfully asks the UF Administration to consider signing the We Are Still In Declaration.

1 <https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/>

2 <http://sustainable.ufl.edu/get-involved/facultystaff/neutralufcoalition/>

3 http://sustainable.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/UF_CAP_v1.pdf

4 <https://www.wearestillin.com/we-are-still-declaration>

5 <https://www.wearestillin.com/about>

6 <https://strategicdevelopment.ufl.edu/about/#Stewardship>

7 <http://president.ufl.edu/initiatives/uf-strategic-planning/>

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to President Dr. Kent Fuchs, Provost Dr. Joseph Glover, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. David Parrott, Director of UF's Office of Sustainability Matt Williams, Chief Operating Officer Charlie Lane



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Michael Murphy
Senate President

Date