Whereas: Jewish students at Florida State University are currently underrepresented within student government, and

Whereas: We affirm that the Florida State University Student Government Association Student Senate recognizes the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Definition of Antisemitism, and

Whereas: The IHRA working definition of Antisemitism is acknowledged as follows: “Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities,” and

Whereas: We assure the student body that we, Student Senators of Florida State University, will continue to advocate for Jewish and Israeli students on campus. As Jewish students do not have a Kosher option available to them at Florida State University dining halls, Jewish cultural and religious observances are not considered properly by the administration faculty and student government when planning events, and in the Fall of 2019 a vendor was permitted on campus who sold Nazi flags, and

Whereas: We acknowledge every student who bravely spoke at the senate meeting in the vote of no confidence on the Senate President, along with those who have reached out to their Senators personally, and

Whereas: We recognize that the statements made by the Senate President caused deep hurt and fear to the Jewish and Israeli communities, as well as to many other students at Florida State University. Hateful rhetoric in any form is unacceptable, whether intentional or not it is our duty to represent each unique identity, perspective, and community at Florida State University, and

Whereas: We affirm that as Senators we will continue to advocate and do better for the 4,000+ Jewish students on the Florida State University’s campus. We as student leaders must be held to the highest standard, and in a representative position of power, we must be actively educating ourselves on the identities, perspectives, and struggles of those that we represent, and

Whereas: This has highlighted the need for diversity and bias training in the Senate, which we are actively working to implement and encourage inside and outside the chambers. We acknowledge the need to engage and spearhead difficult conversations and through trainings to further foster the culture of diversity and inclusion that Florida State University promises, and

Whereas: We vow to continue to represent the student body, and to acknowledge that progress is made only through unity, collaboration, and education. It is our goal as student representatives to move forward together through engagement, dialogue, and action, and
Whereas: The Student Senate, Student Government, and Florida State University needs to take both short- and long-term action to ensure that Florida State University is a just, fair, and welcoming place for all students,

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that:
Senate is hereby committed to the following:
1. Immediately appointing a senate liaison for to Jewish RSOs to increase Jewish communication and representation within Student Government in line with Senate Rule 2.8
2. Holding all members of the Student Government Association accountable to being educated on Jewish culture and anti-Semitism through communication with the Jewish community on campus
3. Supporting the creation of a task force with Florida State University’s administration and Alumni Association to advise on policies that impact Florida State University’s Jewish community and engage Jewish students at Florida State University

Be it further resolved that: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the following:
John Thrasher, President of Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs
Representative Mike Caruso, State of Florida Representative
Jonathan Levin, Florida State University Student Body President
Nastassia Janvier, Student Body Vice President of Florida State University
Ahmad Daraldik, Student Senate President of Florida State University
Julie Decker, President and CEO of the FSU Alumni Association
Dr. Danielle Acosta, Director of Student Governance and Advocacy
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs
Da'Shaun Scott, Interim Director of Student Governance and Advocacy
Dan Leshem, Executive Director of Hillel FSU
Jenny Williams, Assistant Director or Hillel FSU
Aleksandra Zimmerman, Chabad at Florida State University Advisor
Robert Arkinson, Jewish Law Students Association Advisor
Cathy Levenson, Jewish Medical Association Advisor
Keren Bard, President of the Jewish Student Union
Dana Alima and Elad Almog, Co-Presidents of I.A.C. Mishelanu at FSU

OFFICIAL:  
Ahmad Omar Daraldik  
Student Senate President  
7/21/2020

Senate Vote: 25y-15n-0a
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