

RESOLUTION 18-04

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT VSU SHINE A LIGHT ON SLAVERY DAY

AUTHORED BY: Senator Chloe Mills and Senator Amea Thompson

SPONSORED BY: Speaker Jacob Bell, Senator Faith McFadden, Senator Maisy Mustic, Senator Jade Searcy, Senator Tyler Tucker, Senator Melissa Wolfe

WHEREAS, the End It Movement is consistent with the Blazer Creed,

WHEREAS, the Blazer Creed includes Civility in which a Blazer shows courtesy and compassion as well as respect for the dignity of every human being, as well as Citizenship involving a Blazer having an interest in the well-being of the community, and, therefore, a duty to stay informed, to make positive contributions, and to offer support to those who need help,

WHEREAS, more than 40 million men, women and children suffer the exploitation of human trafficking and modern slavery today, occurring when one person exerts control over another person to exploit them economically,

WHEREAS, #THENDITMOVEMENT is a coalition of the leading organizations in the world in the fight for freedom with coalition partners doing work around the world, on the ground, every day, to bring awareness, prevention, rescue, and restoration,

WHEREAS, the Valdosta State's Department of Student Leadership and Volunteer Services, Student Life and Diversity and Inclusion as well as student organizations will join together in support of the End It Movement on February 22nd, 2018,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 2017-2018 Valdosta State University Student Government Association encourages both members of the Student Government Association and the entire student body to participate in and support VSU's Shine a Light on Slavery Day through joining with others as they raise awareness from 9 AM-5:30 PM at the Student Union, attending the ceremony at 12:30 PM on the Student Union steps and drawing a red X on their hand to show awareness for human trafficking on February 22, 2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, once receiving the red X on your hand you will be remembered as a Freedom Fighter and will be able to inform others about the End It Movement through interactions with others and posts to social media.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 2017-2018 Valdosta State University Student Government Association, appreciates the exceptional effort and determination of everyone involved, especially that of our own Senator, Abigail Easton, who have worked tirelessly to make this day a tremendous and unprecedented success.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the 2017-2018 Valdosta State University Student Government Association, especially commends efforts of the Office of Leadership and

Volunteer Services, the Office of Student Life, and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion as well as the following students: De'Essence Cox, Chandler Day, Abigail Easton, Rachel Dawkins and staff members: Dean of Students Daryl Lowe, Associate Dean of Students Niki Turley, Interim Director of the Office of Diversity and inclusion Dr. Gerald Williams.

For: 72 Against: (Abstain:
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