



**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**RESOLUTION 21-05**

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR FRONTLINE WORKERS AND STAFF OF VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY (VSU) FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN COMBATTING COVID-19.

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**WHEREAS,**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data shows that as of April 23, 2021, there were approximately 31,700,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and approximately 1,065,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state of Georgia,

**WHEREAS,**

It is the responsibility of Valdosta State University (VSU) Student Government Association (SGA) to recognize and commend groups or individuals that go above and beyond their day-to-day responsibilities,

**WHEREAS,**

The VSU SGA would like to acknowledge our campus frontline workers that have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our campus during the COVID-19 pandemic,

**WHEREAS,**

VSU assembled a COVID-19 Task Force, comprising of 25 members, to effectively ensure the campus' adherence to COVID-19 guidelines established by the CDC, the Georgia Department of Public Health, and the University System of Georgia, meeting biweekly to provide updates and facilitate discussions as we navigated the COVID-19 pandemic,

**WHEREAS,**

VSU's students, faculty, and staff have abided by the guidelines put in place, doing their part to control and contain this devastating virus within our campus community through additional sanitation practices, following mask mandates, and social distancing requirements, as well as through communication of relevant information,

**WHEREAS,**

The VSU frontline workers have stepped up and carried out their critical missions to protect the health and safety of the VSU community and to minimize the disruption that COVID-19 has caused to our daily lives which has resulted in VSU having one of the best responses to COVID-19 in the University System of Georgia,

**WHEREAS,**

The VSU Student Health Center has adapted and modified its practices to meet the increased demand from the student body for testing, additional sanitation needs, along with monitoring state, and federal guidelines to provide the best service possible and has efficiently begun the process of vaccinating students,

**WHEREAS,**

The VSU SGA extends our appreciation to custodial, facilities staff, and sanitation workers, which have played a critical role in minimizing the spread of COVID-19, on the VSU campus particularly in places that are critical to campus operations,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

The VSU SGA recognizes these acts of heroism that the frontline workers on the VSU campus have made which have allowed the VSU campus to continue operating, minimizing the disruption to VSU students and played a critical role in protecting the health and safety of our campus,

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

Valdosta State University staff and administration have seen an increase in demand and responsibility both on and off the campus of VSU to combat the Covid-19 virus and continued to put the education of our students, as well as keep the student's health and well-being at the utmost importance in the midst of a global pandemic,

**THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,**

The VSU SGA extends our thanks to those serving on the COVID-19 Task Force, and in the departments represented, for their outstanding efforts and dedication to keep Valdosta State University safe and healthy during the 2020 – 2021 school year.

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Primary Mover: Senator Katen

Secondary Mover: Parliamentarian Carter

APPROVED DENIED VETOED

Date: 4/28/2021

Melissa Way, Student Government President