



# *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, President Kent Fuchs served as the 12th president of the University of Florida from 2015 – 2023 and returned under extraordinary circumstances to serve as interim president from 2024 – 2025;

WHEREAS, under President Fuchs' leadership, the University of Florida's stature increased more than any other research university, ascending into the Top 5 public universities in the *U.S. News* rankings, created and filled more than 600 new faculty positions, surpassed \$1 billion in annual research, and surpassed \$4.6 billion in philanthropy;

WHEREAS, President Fuchs was a strong supporter of shared governance, regularly met with UF Faculty Senate leadership, regularly contributed to Faculty Senate Steering Committee and Faculty Senate meetings, and provided forthright communication on issues of importance;

WHEREAS, President Fuchs brought acclaim, stability and his trademark warmth and joy to the entire university community, inspiring love for UF and our shared missions of teaching, research, extension, and service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Florida, at its regular meeting this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2025, recognizes President W. Kent Fuchs' most commendable service to the Faculty of the University of Florida.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sarah D. Lynne".

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Sarah D. Lynne, Chair  
Faculty Senate 2024 – 2025