



Annual Delegate Assembly

RESOLUTION FORM_2023

RESOLUTION# -

To be filled in by MSCA

Condemning the Florida Legislation attacking Public Higher Ed 5-5-2023/ 9:30am

RESOLUTION NAME

DATE/TIME

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DELEGATE MAKING MOTION

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DELEGATE SECONDING MOTION

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According to MSCA Standing/Special Rules: With the exception of items on the agenda, all substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer.

MOTION

MOVED: To adopt the resolution below

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, with the introduction of HB 999, the Florida legislature—at Governor DeSantis’s urging—has doubled down on its attacks on academic freedom with a bill that would effectively silence faculty and students across the ideological spectrum and purge whole fields of study from public universities.

Whereas, this bill substitutes the ideological beliefs of those in power for the freedom that is necessary for colleges and universities to serve the common good and function as intellectual

centers where young people succeed and where the ideas that drive our country's economy and democracy are ignited.

Whereas, Florida's HB 999 would destroy academic freedom, tenure, shared governance, and university independence in the state's public higher education system. The bill would place control of core curricula and institutional mission statements entirely in the hands of political appointees. It would limit or ban students' ability to pursue certain majors or areas of study.

Therefore be it Resolved,

1. That the MSCA condemns Florida House Bill 999 and endorses the joint statement made by the American Association of University Professor, the American Federation of Teachers, and the National Coalition Against Censorship (NCAC) condemning Florida House Bill 999 which aims to destroy public higher education.
2. That MSCA's NEA delegates stand in solidarity with the Florida Education Association at the July 2023 NEA Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

RESOLUTIONS must be submitted to the Presiding Officer prior to the commencement of the meeting. Those submitted by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, May 3 will be distributed to the delegates prior to the meeting. Resolutions will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Submit to: president@mscaunion.org

If you have any questions, please contact Joanna Gonsalves, Vice President of the MSCA at vicepresident@mscaunion.org