



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Student Government Association

Resolution 31-03

A Resolution to Encourage Students to Vote

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WHEREAS, the Student Government Association is committed to promoting civic engagement and voter participation; and,

WHEREAS, having the right to vote is a founding principle of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Generation X and younger generation voters had forty-two million more eligible voters than older generations, but older generations out voted them by twenty-one million votes¹; and,

WHEREAS, among Millennials, who were between the ages of 18 and 24 during these elections, 20% turned out to vote, on average;¹ and,

WHEREAS, only 28 percent of young adults ages 18 to 29 say they are “absolutely certain” they will vote in midterms, compared to 74 percent of seniors;²and,

WHEREAS, the UGA Student Government Association has worked to install an early voting location in Tate Student Center on October 30th and 31st, 2018; and,

¹ Fry, Richard. “Millennials Approach Baby Boomers as America's Largest Generation in Electorate.” *Pew Research Center*, Pew Research Center, 3 Apr. 2018,

² Jones, Robert P, et al. “Democracy in Crisis.” *Public Religion Research Institute*, 2018, doi:<https://www.prii.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/AMERICAN-DEMOCRACY-IN-CRISIS.pdf>.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 31st Administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, encourages faculty and staff members to encourage their students to vote in the November 6, 2018. Furthermore, the University of Georgia Student Government Association encourages University of Georgia students to vote in the 2018 Midterm elections; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UGA faculty and staff are encouraged to remind students in class and online that early voting will be available in Tate Student Center on October 30th and 31st, 2018; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 31st Administration of the Student Government Association encourages students to vote early in the Tate Student Center on October 30th and 31st, 2018; and,

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the 31st administration thanks members of UGA faculty and staff for their support of civic engagement and voter participation.