



Resolution 2024-2025-005

Proclaiming the Celebration of National Bullying Prevention Month

WHEREAS, National Bullying Prevention month is a campaign in the United States founded in 2006 by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center. The campaign is held during the month of October and unites communities nationwide to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention. Initially held the first week of October, the event was expanded to the entire month in 2010.

WHEREAS, over the last year, schools throughout the US have experienced a frightening increase in bullying and acts of hate; and

WHEREAS, bullying directly affects a student's ability to learn. Students who are bullied often do not want to go to school. They often find it difficult to concentrate, show a decline in grades, and lose self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-worth; and

WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and online through technology; and

WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

WHEREAS, bullying is a community wide issue that must no longer be ignored or thought of as a rite of passage. Students, parents, and educators all have a role in addressing bullying situations and changing school culture; and

WHEREAS, we affirm our commitment to a safe and affirming space by recognizing National Bullying Prevention Month;

WHEREAS, Reynolds School District, through its Every Student Belongs policy, is committed to creating a high quality educational experience free from discrimination or harassment based on perceived race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Reynolds School Board recognizes the month of October as National Bullying Prevention Month.

Adopted this 25th day of September 2024.

Signed:

Attest:

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Chair, Reynolds School Board of Directors

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Superintendent / Clerk