



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

D-2

For the meeting of: October 7, 2014

Date: September 23, 2014
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg
Subject: Proclamation Recognizing National Bullying Prevention Month

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the Proclamation

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Board of Supervisors would like to recognize National Bullying Prevention Month

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation

Prepared by Tracy Damico

Signature

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

____ Consent
____ Departmental
____ Public Hearing
xx ____ Other ____ Special Presentation

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Sundberg Seconded by Supervisor Lovelace

Ayes Sundberg, Lovelace, Bohn, Fennell, Bass
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Oct. 7, 2014

By:
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

WHEREAS, there are many people in Humboldt County who have lived with, or are living with bullying; and

WHEREAS, almost thirty percent of the youth in the United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year as a bully or as a victim; and

WHEREAS, bullying is a learned behavior and occurs in more environments than just the school yard, and people of all ages and abilities have the right to be safe from physical and emotional attack; and

WHEREAS, "Harassment, intimidation or bullying" means any intentional written, verbal, or physical act, and can take many forms including: slurs, rumors, jokes, innuendo's, demeaning comments, drawing cartoons, pranks, gestures, physical attacks, threats, or other written, oral or physical actions, and happen in many places on and off school grounds, and most recently in cyber space; and

WHEREAS, individuals and communities have the power to prevent bullying before it becomes a problem, and many Humboldt County Schools and organizations are working to prevent bullying; and

WHEREAS, anyone who feels threatened, upset, or endangered by someone's behavior or who sees this happening to someone else has both the right and the responsibility to speak up; and

WHEREAS, everyone in a position of leadership is responsible for modeling consistent and respectful behavior and for intervening to address unsafe behavior; and

WHEREAS, procedures that are clearly understood by everyone need to be in place to deal with problems that come up in a prompt, fair, open, and effective fashion.

NOW THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of October 2014 as "Bullying Prevention Month" to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of how bullying is damaging to our whole community as well as to recognize the many private and public organizations and individuals that work tirelessly throughout the County to support anti-bullying efforts. We encourage communities and schools to explore solutions to the problem including adopting policies, providing trainings, and offering support in raising awareness. We call upon all citizens to recognize bullying for the societal problem that it is and to help make our county bully free.



DATED: October 7, 2014

REX BOHN, Chair