State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

2014

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal or emotional harm or intimidation directed at a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately thirty percent of United States youth may be impacted by bullying, either as culprits or as a victims; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred sixty thousand students in kindergarten through twelfth grade miss school every day due to a fear of being bullied; and

WHEREAS, bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, and most recently in cyberspace; and

WHEREAS, bullying occurs on neighborhood playgrounds, in schools, and through technology such as social media; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of youth in the United States each year, either as a bully or a victim; and

WHEREAS, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in serious violent behavior; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of children who are bullied believe that adult help is infrequent and ineffective; and

WHEREAS, it is important for North Carolina parents, students, teachers and school administrators to be aware of bullying, and to encourage discussion of the problem as a school community;

NOW, THERFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2014, as "**BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend this observance to all citizens;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirtieth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

Pat McCrory

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