

1 [Supporting National Bullying Prevention Month - October]

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3 **Resolution recognizing and supporting October as National Bullying Prevention Month**
4 **and supporting efforts to educate and promote awareness of anti-bullying efforts**
5 **nationwide.**

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7 WHEREAS, October is National Bullying Prevention Month, when schools and
8 organizations work together to focus on raising awareness of bullying nationwide; and

9 WHEREAS, National Bullying Prevention Month began in 2006, making this year the
10 10th anniversary; and

11 WHEREAS, Anti-bullying organizations, such as the National Bullying Prevention
12 Center, are promoting individual days in October to spread anti-bullying efforts, including
13 National STOMP Out Bullying Day on October 3rd and Unity Day on October 19th; and

14 WHEREAS, Students are bullied for a variety of reasons, including because of weight,
15 race, sexual orientation and gender identity, and disability; and

16 WHEREAS, One out of four students report being bullied during the school year, yet
17 the number of bullied children is likely far higher as more than 60% of children who are bullied
18 do not report it; and

19 WHEREAS, More than half of all adolescents and teens have been bullied online
20 through various social media platforms and other online activities; and

21 WHEREAS, More than one-third of adolescents who report being bullied say it is
22 because of racial bias; and

23 WHEREAS, One-third of girls and one-fourth of boys report weight-based bullying from
24 peers; and

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1 WHEREAS, LGBT youth face disproportionate levels of bullying, including 9 out of 10
2 LGBT students reporting being harassed and bullied last year, and over one-third of LGBT
3 students having been physically assaulted at school because of sexual orientation or gender
4 identity; and

5 WHEREAS, Students who experience bullying are at increased risk of poor school
6 performance, sleep difficulties, anxiety, and depression, and are twice as likely as non-bullied
7 peers to experience negative health effects such as headaches and stomach aches; and

8 WHEREAS, Students who are bullied by peers were 2.4 times more likely to report
9 suicidal ideation, and 3.3 times more likely to report a suicide attempt than youth who reported
10 not being bullied; and

11 WHEREAS, School-based prevention programs have been proven effective in
12 decreasing bullying; and

13 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Human Rights Commission is part of the Bay Area
14 Anti-Bullying Coalition; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2012, the San Francisco Unified School District implemented an anti-
16 bullying program that led to lower levels of bullying in San Francisco's public schools; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors offers congratulations on the occasion of
19 the 10 year Anniversary of National Bullying Prevention Month; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the schools and
21 organizations participating in anti-bullying efforts and national days of action to educate and
22 promote awareness about bullying and cyber-bullying, including on October 3rd and October
23 19th; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports further efforts by the
2 Human Rights Commission and the San Francisco Unified School District to educate and
3 promote awareness on anti-bullying efforts.

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