

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

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

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

October 04, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/4/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
Mayor

10/14/16
Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Date