

RESOLUTION 131-14

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TO DECLARE OCTOBER 2014 BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH AS A SYMBOL OF OUR COMMITMENT TO THE YEAR-ROUND STRUGGLE AGAINST BULLYING.

WHEREAS, bullying is a form of intimidation or domination toward someone who is perceived as being weaker, frequently used as a vehicle to establish perceived superiority over another person; and

WHEREAS, schools and communities for our children must be safe, and create an environment that holds promise; and

WHEREAS, there are significant negative effects of bullying, including the long-term damage it causes to our youth as well as the increased risks of teenage suicide; and

WHEREAS, according to www.nvpep.org:

- each school day, nearly 160,000 children will not go to school for fear of being bullied;
- 13 million children this year will have experienced some form of repeated bullying;
- in every classroom 2 to 3 children spend their day afraid of being bullied;
- Bullying is the most common form of violence;
- 282,000 students are physically attacked in secondary schools each month;
- 1 out of 5 children admit to being a bully, or doing some “bullying”;
- 19% of students admit to saying something harmful to others online;
- About 35% of kids have been threatened online;

WHEREAS, according to cyber bullying statistics from the i-Safe Foundation over half of adolescents and teens have been bullied online and about the same number have engaged in cyber bullying; well over half of young people do not tell their parents when cyber bullying occurs; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people, resulting in about 4,400 deaths per year, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; as reported in bullyingstatistics.org., over 14% of high school students have considered suicide and almost 7% have attempted it; and according to a study in Great Britain, at least half of suicides among young people are related to bullying; and

WHEREAS, bullying is not limited to children, with adult-interaction bullying creating emotional and psychological impacts in adult victims, resulting in reduced job performance and depression; and

WHEREAS, bullying prevention has several components, including: (a) creating effective anti-bullying policies including rules on supervision and intervention, appropriate consequences, (b) creating environments in which community members are comfortable bringing forward concerns, and (c) educating supervisors, families, and potential victims; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Wisconsin-based Generations Against Bullying, which is a community based non-profit organization that is striving to make the world a better place by ending bullying and which has partnered with the Kenosha Chapter of the Boys' and Girls' Club, raise awareness, educate families and potential victims, and facilitate the creation of such comfortable interchange environments.

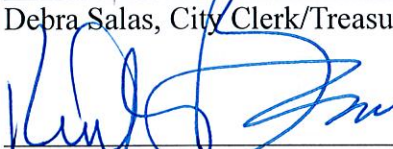
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council for the City of Kenosha that October 2014 is declared to be Bullying Prevention Awareness Month in the City of Kenosha.

Adopted this 20th day of October, 2014.

ATTEST:


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