

PROCLAMATION
Recognizing
School Board of Brevard County
As A "No Bullying Zone"
Throughout the Month of May, 2013

WHEREAS, Many children, young adults and adults have expressed serious concern about the bullying that occurs in communities, in or near schools and in the work place; and

WHEREAS, Bullying takes on many forms, including, verbal, physical, intimidation, racial harassment, social alienation and sexual harassment and can occur in person as well as by cyberbullying using technology, such as cell phones and computers, and can occur anywhere, including while driving; and

WHEREAS, Each day an estimated 160,000 children refuse to go to school because they dread the physical and verbal aggression of their peers, and the loneliness that comes from being excluded and made the target of rumors and cyberbullying; many more students attend school in a chronic state of anxiety; and

WHEREAS, It is important that we acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious issues and the negative effects of bullying, including the long-term damage it can cause in our youth as well as the risks of teenage suicide; and

WHEREAS, Children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful and intimidated; and children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, That healthy and productive employees work in safe and abuse-free environments; and abusive work environments have costly consequences, such as, turnovers, absenteeism, and reduced productivity; and

WHEREAS, Providing a safe physical and emotional environment, as well as, preserving good mental health, are significant goals and the personal responsibility of each individual; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Brevard County will collaborate with other local entities to reduce the incidences of bullying throughout Brevard County by engaging in activities and solutions that will result in creating a community climate in which bullying behaviors are not acceptable and rarely occur; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Brevard County Schools designates May, 2013 as a "No Bullying Zone" as a symbol of our commitment to the struggle against bullying.

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