

RESOLUTION NO. 70-14

PASSED: September 22, 2014

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS "ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG.

WHEREAS, bullying is the most common form of violent act in our society and can have tremendous negative impacts on victims. Bullying is generally recognized as repeated abusive, offensive, malicious, intimidating, and/or insulting behaviors or the abuse of power directed toward an individual or group; and

WHEREAS, school bullying has become an increasingly significant problem in the United States and Ohio; and

WHEREAS, almost thirty percent of the youth in United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully or as a victim; 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 in cyberspace, and can happen in many places on and off school grounds; and

WHEREAS, It is important that we acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious issues and the negative effects of bullying; and

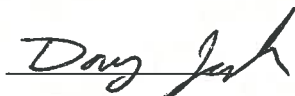
WHEREAS, it is important for Ohio parents, students, teachers, and school administrators to be aware of bullying, and to encourage discussion of the problem at school and within the community; and

WHEREAS, Bullying is a community-wide issue and students, families, and educators all have a role in addressing bullying situations and changing school culture; and

WHEREAS, the Reynoldsburg City School District has adopted a policy on anti-bullying to encourage positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors; and

NOW, THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Reynoldsburg, Counties of Franklin, Licking, and Fairfield. State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That this Council does hereby proclaim, October as "Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Month" in the City of Reynoldsburg as a symbol of our commitment to the year round struggle against bullying.



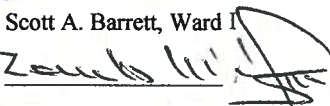
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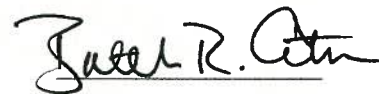
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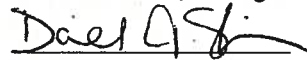
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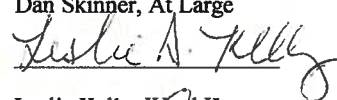
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