

City of Huntington Beach, California



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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGAINST BULLYING

Huntington Beach, California

October 15, 2012

Whereas, bullying is an imbalance of power with physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

Whereas, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, places of employment, playgrounds, schools, and through technology such as the Internet and cell phones; and

Whereas, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American students annually; and

Whereas, thousands of California students are affected by bullying annually; and

Whereas, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems; and

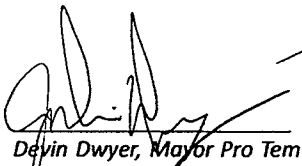
Whereas, students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

Whereas, people who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

Whereas, people who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated,

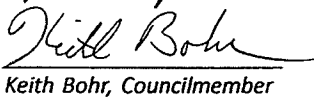
Now Therefore, We, City Council Members of the City of Huntington Beach, proclaim our ongoing commitment to address bullying in all its forms and encourage schools, students, parents, community organizations, and religious institutions to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our community safer for all students and all citizens, including the recognition of October as National Bullying Prevention Month.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2012

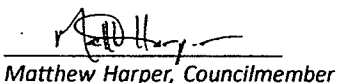

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