

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH
OCTOBER 2016

WHEREAS, October is National Bullying Prevention Month, the goal of which is to encourage communities to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on children of all ages; and

WHEREAS, bullying can take many forms, including physical, verbal, non-verbal and electronic – known as cyberbullying; and bullying has devastating effects including an immediate and lifelong impact on resiliency, mental and physical health; and

WHEREAS, approximately 30% of students in the U.S. are involved in bullying on a regular basis, either as a victim, a bully, or both; and

WHEREAS, bullying directly affects a student's ability to learn. Students who are bullied find it difficult to concentrate, may show a decline in grades, and lose self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-worth; and

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 California Healthy Kids Survey of Marin County students found 37% of 7th and 9th graders and 34% of 11th graders reported having been bullied or harassed in the past year; and

WHEREAS, students can be especially effective in bullying intervention. More than 55% of bullying situations will stop when a peer intervenes. Student education which addresses bullying for peers is critical, as is the support of adults; and

WHEREAS, silence is no longer an acceptable response to bullying. Adults, students, and educators can no longer look away when they see bullying. Ignoring it won't work. Everyone needs to be empowered with options to respond; and

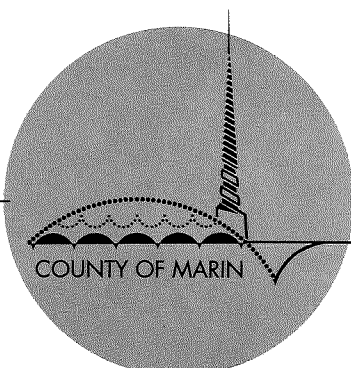
WHEREAS, the Novato Blue Ribbon Coalition for Youth is working to educate the community about bullying through outreach activities, including providing training on cyberbullying and internet safety to parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the month of October 2016, as "Bullying Prevention Month."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin supports efforts to call attention to the issue of bullying and cyberbullying and encourages schools, parents, youth, governmental agencies and the private sector to support efforts to reduce and prevent bullying in our communities, so that every child feels valued, safe and supported.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin on this 4th day of October, 2016.

STEVE KINSEY – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 4 - PRESIDENT



JUDY ARNOLD – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 5