
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY KILLION, ARGALL, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BOSCOLA,
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AND VULAKOVICH, OCTOBER 26, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2016 as "Bullying Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Bullying is intentional, repeated behavior by one or
4 more people that can harm others physically and emotionally; and

5 WHEREAS, Bullying is a type of abuse which can take many
6 forms and crosses all classes, ages, religions and areas without
7 discrimination; and

8 WHEREAS, The Center for Schools and Communities examined
9 bullying levels in grades 3 through 12 in 25 counties and
10 reported that bullying is most common during elementary and
11 middle school years but also occurs in high school; and

12 WHEREAS, A Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
13 Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) found that 12.1% of
14 Pennsylvania students reported that other students have used the
15 Internet or a cell phone to threaten or embarrass them; and

16 WHEREAS, The PAYS survey found that 15% of 10th graders
17 report being sexually harassed online; and

1 WHEREAS, The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
2 Prevention reported that among children and youths who are 17
3 years of age or younger approximately 1 in 5 reported being
4 physically bullied and approximately 3 in 10 reported being
5 teased or emotionally bullied in their lifetime; and

6 WHEREAS, The Workplace Bullying Institute reports that up to
7 one-third of workers may be victims of bullying in the
8 workplace; and

9 WHEREAS, In a 2015 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
10 study of youths in grades 9 through 12, 20% of students reported
11 being bullied on school property in the previous 12 months;
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2016
14 as "Bullying Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.