A RESOLUTION

Recognizing October 5, 2020, as "Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying Prevention™" in Pennsylvania in support of those working hard to raise awareness of bullying and prevent its occurrence.

WHEREAS, Bullying is physical, verbal, sexual or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at an individual or group of individuals; and

WHEREAS, Bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools and through technology such as the Internet and cell phones; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvania children and adolescents 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 activities, including riding the bus, going to school and attending community activities; and
WHEREAS, Children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and
WHEREAS, Children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful and intimidated; and
WHEREAS, Bullying directly affects a student's ability to learn, and bullied students may find it difficult to concentrate in school, show a decline in grades and lose self-esteem, self-confidence and self-worth; and
WHEREAS, Students can be especially effective in bullying intervention; and
WHEREAS, According to the National Bullying Prevention Center, more than 55% of bullying situations will stop when a peer intervenes; and
WHEREAS, Student education on how to address bullying for peers is critical, as is the support of adults; and
WHEREAS, October is "National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month," a time when antibullying activities take place in schools and communities; and
WHEREAS, Founded in 2005, STOMP Out Bullying™ focuses on reducing and preventing bullying, cyberbullying, sexting and other digital abuse, educating against racism and hatred and deterring violence in schools, online and in communities across the country; and
WHEREAS, To signify the importance of "National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month," STOMP Out Bullying™, the leading national antibullying and cyberbullying organization for kids and teens, created "Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying Prevention™"; and
WHEREAS, Since 2008, "Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying Prevention™" has been recognized on the first Monday of
October, which is October 5 this year; and

WHEREAS, STOMP Out Bullying™ asks students, schools, parents

and businesses to GO BLUE on October 5, 2020, by wearing a blue

shirt; and

WHEREAS, A collective effort within our communities and

schools is vital to raising awareness of bullying and bullying

prevention; therefore be it

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