
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 4, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, MARCH 4, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 5, 2020, as "Anti-bullying Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania in support of those working hard to raise
3 awareness of bullying and prevent its occurrence.

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

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

10 WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvania children and adolescents
11 are affected by bullying annually; and

12 WHEREAS, Targets of bullying are more likely to acquire
13 physical, emotional and learning problems; and

14 WHEREAS, Students who are repeatedly bullied often fear
15 activities, including riding the bus, going to school and

1 attending community activities; and

2 WHEREAS, Children who bully are at greater risk of engaging
3 in more serious violent behaviors; and

4 WHEREAS, Children who witness bullying often feel less
5 secure, more fearful and intimidated; and

6 WHEREAS, Bullying directly affects a student's ability to
7 learn, and bullied students may find it difficult to concentrate
8 in school; and

9 WHEREAS, Bullied students show a decline in grades and lose
10 self-esteem, self-confidence and self-worth; and

11 WHEREAS, Students can be especially effective in bullying
12 intervention; and

13 WHEREAS, According to PACER's National Bullying Prevention
14 Center, more than 55% of bullying situations will stop when a
15 peer intervenes; and

16 WHEREAS, Student education on how to address bullying for
17 peers is critical, as is the support of adults; and

18 WHEREAS, Anti-bullying activities take place in schools and
19 communities in October; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
21 5, 2020, as "Anti-bullying Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania in
22 support of those working hard to raise awareness of bullying and
23 prevent its occurrence.