
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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READSHAW, HOWARD, ROEBUCK AND JOHNSON-HARRELL,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 7, 2019, as "Blue Shirt Day® World Day of
2 Bullying Prevention" in Pennsylvania in support of those
3 working hard to raise awareness of bullying and preventing
4 its occurrence.

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Students who are repeatedly bullied often fear
16 activities, including riding the bus, going to school and
17 attending community activities; and

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

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

5 WHEREAS, Bullying directly affects a student's ability to
6 learn, and bullied students may find it difficult to concentrate
7 in school, show a decline in grades and lose self-esteem, self-
8 confidence and self-worth; and

9 WHEREAS, Students can be especially effective in bullying
10 intervention; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the National Bullying Prevention
12 Center, more than 55% of bullying situations will stop when a
13 peer intervenes; and

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

16 WHEREAS, October is "National Bullying Prevention Awareness
17 Month," a time when anti-bullying activities take place in
18 schools and communities; and

19 WHEREAS, To signify the importance of "National Bullying
20 Prevention Awareness Month," STOMP Out Bullying™, the leading
21 national anti-bullying and cyberbullying organization for kids
22 and teens, created "Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying
23 Prevention™"; and

24 WHEREAS, Founded in 2005, STOMP Out Bullying™ focuses on
25 reducing and preventing bullying, cyberbullying, sexting and
26 other digital abuse, educating against racism and hatred and
27 deterring violence in schools, online and in communities across
28 the country; and

29 WHEREAS, Since 2008, "Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying
30 Prevention™" has been recognized on the first Monday of October,

1 which is October 7 this year; and

2 WHEREAS, STOMP Out Bullying™ asks students, schools, parents
3 and businesses to GO BLUE on October 7, 2019, by wearing a blue
4 shirt; and

5 WHEREAS, A collective effort within our communities and
6 schools is vital to raising awareness of bullying and bullying
7 prevention; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
9 7, 2019, as "Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying Prevention™"
10 in Pennsylvania in support of those working hard to raise
11 awareness of bullying and prevent its occurrence.