

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH  
OF OCTOBER, 2012, AS NATIONAL BULLYING  
PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, work places, and through technology, such as the internet and cell phones; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the Norman Police Department and Norman Public Schools have taken leadership roles in bullying prevention within the City of Norman, and are actively working with families, faith-based organizations, social service agencies, and others to ensure that the topic of bullying is addressed as a community awareness and education issue; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, a Community Task Force was formed consisting of members from the Norman Police Department, Norman Public Schools, Xenia Institute, local churches, and other community stakeholders who have developed a definition that is all encompassing and easily understandable for all ages which is *“Bullying is repeated, intentional aggressive behavior. It involves an imbalance of power used to inflict emotional distress or physical harm.”*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 8. Do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2012, as National Bullying Prevention Month in the City of Norman and encourage citizens’ full participation in all events related thereto in the community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of October, 2012.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk