



## ***PROCLAMATION***

### ***WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS OCTOBER 2017 AS BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH***

**WHEREAS**, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

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

**WHEREAS**, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

**WHEREAS**, almost thirty percent of the youth in the United States (and in Wake County) are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully or as a victim; and

**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

**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.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wake County Commissioners proclaim October of 2017 as Wake County's Bullying Prevention Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Wake County students, parents, schools, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations be encouraged to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.

**ADOPTED** this the 2nd day of October, 2017.

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**Sig Hutchinson, Chairman**  
**Wake County Board of Commissioners**