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Proclamation for National Bullying Prevention Month

PROCLAMATION

National Bullying Prevention Month

October 2014

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 homes, neighborhoods, playgrounds, athletic facilities, schools, businesses, social institutions, and through technology, such as the Internet and cell phones; and

WHEREAS, bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children, adolescents and adults annually; 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, I, John Hieftje, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, proclaim October as National Bullying Prevention Month. I encourage the City of Ann Arbor schools, students, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations to engage in a variety of awareness

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and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children, adolescents and adults.

I hereby set my hand and seal
This 6th day of October, 2014

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John Hieftje, Mayor