

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 13 million American kids a year are affected by bullying; and

WHEREAS, teens in grades 6 through 10 are the most likely to be involved in activities related to bullying; and

WHEREAS, approximately 30 percent of students in the U.S. are involved in bullying on a regular basis, either as a victim, bully or both; and

WHEREAS, bullying still impacts far too many of our nation's youth – about 1 in 4 children in the United States are bullied on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, as civic leaders in the City of Alexandria, we can and must use our resources to effect positive change in our communities; and

WHEREAS, for Bullying Prevention Month in October, 2014, Mayor William D. Euille joined forces with the United States Conference of Mayors and the Bully Project in the Mayors' Campaign to End Bullying – which builds resolve for local communities to come together and improve school climate and create safer schools; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Euille is committed to continue to raise awareness about the issue of bullying and resolves to increase his efforts to help eradicate this problem; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria fully support bullying prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria pledges to convene discussions with stakeholders in our community on Monday, October 20, 2014, to send a strong local and national message and drive real change at the local level this year and each year to follow for Bullying Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria will do all it can to call attention to the issue of bullying in schools, and work to develop city-wide programs to combat the problem and ensure that all students have access to a safe and secure educational environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October as:

“BULLY PREVENTION MONTH”

in the City of Alexandria and affirm the commitment of the City of Alexandria to support bullying prevention initiatives in the City of Alexandria.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 14th day of October, 2014.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk