
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY KILLION, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE,
BREWSTER, BROWNE, COSTA, FARNESE, HUGHES, IOVINO, KEARNEY,
LANGERHOLC, LEACH, MARTIN, MENSCH, SCHWANK, STREET,
TARTAGLIONE, VOGEL, J. WARD AND YUDICHAK, OCTOBER 21, 2019

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 21, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2019 as "Bullying Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Bullying is intentional, repeated behavior by one or
4 more people that can harm others physically and emotionally; and

5 WHEREAS, Bullying is a type of abuse which can take many
6 forms and crosses all classes, ages, religions and areas without
7 discrimination; and

8 WHEREAS, The Center for Schools and Communities examined
9 bullying levels in grades 3 through 12 in 25 counties and
10 reported that bullying is most common during elementary and
11 middle school years but also occurs in high school; and

12 WHEREAS, A Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
13 Pennsylvania Youth Survey found in 2017 that 28.2% of
14 Pennsylvania students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 reported that
15 students have been bullied in the past 12 months; and

16 WHEREAS, The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
17 Prevention reported that among children and youths who are 17

1 years of age or younger approximately 1 in 5 reported being
2 physically bullied and approximately 3 in 10 reported being
3 teased or emotionally bullied in their lifetime; and

4 WHEREAS, In a 2017 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
5 study of youths in grades 9 through 12, 19% of students reported
6 being bullied on school property in the previous 12 months and
7 of students in grades 3 through 8, 41.6% reported being bullied
8 on school property; and

9 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Department of Education's Office
10 for Safe Schools maintains a website containing resources on
11 bullying prevention for parents, educators and professionals who
12 serve our youths in and out of school; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2019
14 as "Bullying Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.