

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
PROCLAMATION

**ANTI-BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH**  
**October 2014**

**WHEREAS,** We must safeguard schools and communities for our children, and, through our recognition of the serious issues that face them each day, offer our children an environment that holds promise and security; and

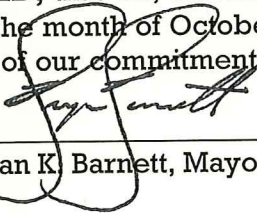
**WHEREAS,** Many organizations, school districts, educators and parents have publicly expressed concern about the bullying of children; and

**WHEREAS,** Each day an estimated 160,000 children refuse to go to school because they dread the physical and verbal aggression of their peers, and the loneliness that comes from being excluded and made the target of rumors and cyber-bullying; many more students attend school in a chronic state of anxiety; and

**WHEREAS,** It is important that we acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious issues and the negative effects of bullying, including the long-term damage it can cause in our youth as well as the risks of teenage suicide; and

**WHEREAS,** Providing a safe physical and emotional environment is a significant goal and a personal responsibility of each individual; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester Hills do hereby designate the month of October 2014 as Anti-Bullying Awareness Month in Rochester Hills as a symbol of our commitment to the year-round struggle against bullying.

  
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