



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins recognizes October as National Bullying Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people and 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, 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 while children who witness bullying often feel less secure, and more fearful; and

WHEREAS, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Collins Human Relations Commission and Youth Advisory Board are jointly sponsoring a Bullying Prevention event on November 9, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as

NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

and call upon the people of Fort Collins to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our community safer for all children and adolescents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 4th day of October, A.D. 2011.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Chief Deputy City Clerk