



**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE
DECLARING SEPTEMBER 12 – SEPTEMBER 16, 2011 AS BULLY AWARENESS WEEK IN
THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE**

- WHEREAS:** Bullying is a problem found in schools and the community that interferes with a child's emotional and social development and their ability to achieve; and
- WHEREAS:** Bullying refers to acts of physical or verbal harassment such as hitting, teasing or name calling, as well as social exclusion including spreading rumors and purposefully ostracizing a person; and
- WHEREAS:** Bullies are confident individuals with high self-esteem, contrary to belief, and are more likely to become involved in drinking, smoking, and committing serious crimes later in life as they believe rules do not apply to them; and
- WHEREAS:** Victims of bullying experience fear and anxiety which can result in poor academic achievement, depression, drug abuse and suicide; and
- WHEREAS:** Children who witness bullying often have feelings of helplessness, anger or guilt, and they often have fear that they will be bullied themselves resulting in frequent absences from school; and
- WHEREAS:** The Placerville Union School District Board of Trustees has adopted a policy for the prevention of bullying and the students of Placerville Union School District have signed an Anti-Bullying Pledge where they promise to treat others respectfully, try to include those who are left out, refuse to watch, laugh or join in when someone is being bullied, help those who are being bullied, and tell an adult; and
- WHEREAS:** The Anti-Bullying Pledge has been signed by community leaders who support the students' efforts in preventing bullying at their school and in their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark A. Acuna, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Placerville, State of California, do hereby proclaim September 12 – September 16, 2011 as

"Bully Awareness Week" in the City of Placerville

And urge all citizens of the City of Placerville to join the Placerville Union School District in their efforts to stop bullying at school.

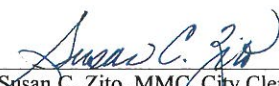
Dated: September 13, 2011



Mayor Pro Tem Mark A. Acuna

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Placerville to be affixed this thirteenth day of September, 2011.

ATTEST:



Susan C. Zito, MMC, City Clerk