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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, bullying has been identified as a prevalent and serious problem affecting today's youth, and

WHEREAS, 19 percent of high school students nationally, and 21.7 percent of New York State high school students are bullied at school, and

WHEREAS, types of youth bullying include physical, verbal, and relational bullying, as well as cyberbullying that involves threatening or harassing electronic communications, and

WHEREAS, bullying has psychological, physical, and academic effects, and adversely affects youth who are bullied as well as those who engage in bullying, and

WHEREAS, more than two dozen government agencies, community organizations, parents, and representatives from the County's six school districts formed the Tompkins County Bullying Prevention Task Force in March 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force's mission is to facilitate comprehensive cooperation across the community in developing and promoting appropriate bullying prevention and response strategies in Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, every member of the Tompkins County community, government agencies, community organizations, school administrators, teachers, athletic coaches, parents, and students can play a part in creating a bully-free environment in our schools, athletics fields, public spaces, and online websites,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Martha Robertson, Chair of the Tompkins County Legislature, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2019, as

BULLYING PREVENTION DAY IN TOMPKINS COUNTY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the great seal of the County of Tompkins to be affixed this the 1st day of October in the year 2019.



Martha Robertson, Chair
Tompkins County Legislature



Inclusion through Diversity