

Proclamation

**International Stand Up to Bullying Day 2015**

WHEREAS, Bullying is defined by experts as the most common form of violence: the act of abuse and terrorism on our most vulnerable citizens that takes the form of physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, FBI investigations have determined that bullying has been a contributing factor in over 70% of all school shootings, and research has linked bullying to a number of physical, emotional, and educational difficulties that may lead to tragic consequences such as depression, substance abuse, delinquency, gang proliferation, self-harm, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, Bullying, in all its forms, affects our loved ones, our local schools, our nation's communities, and our global society, as it involves all students, parents, educators, organizations, and citizens to work together to recognize its seriousness, heighten the awareness, and find solutions to providing a safe physical and emotional environment for all; and

WHEREAS, The "Not One More" campaign is a local grassroots initiative devoted to raising awareness of bullying in Orange County and its negative effects on our children, as well as finding private funding streams to provide supplemental anti-bullying initiatives in our schools; and

WHEREAS, In observance of International Stand Up to Bullying Day 2015, the City of Garden Grove will join others across the globe to speak out against bullying by hosting an Anti-Bullying and Cyber-Bullying Prevention Event on February 28 and March 1, 2015, in Village Green park, organized by local supporters of the Not One More campaign.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby proclaim February 27, 2015 as Stand up to Bullying Day in the City of Garden Grove, and encourages all community members to take a personal responsibility to end bullying in our schools, our city, and beyond.

**February 10, 2015**

(Mayor and City Council signatures)

Approved for Agenda listing

  
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