

Proclamation for the Third Week of April
BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

Be It Resolved...

WHEREAS, April 20th, 1999 school shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, in which fifteen students and a teacher were killed, and 23 other students were wounded, have left an indelible mark on history and in our hearts and memories; and

WHEREAS, it behooves each of us, as parents, students, educators and citizens to recognize the lessons to be taken from this tragedy and identify changes to prevent repetitions of such horrors of this nature; and

WHEREAS, we must safeguard schools for our children, and, through our recognition of the serious issues that face them each day, offer our children a school 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, 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, which may include 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

WHEREAS, it is time for us to speak out AGAINST bullying and FOR our children; and

WHEREAS, in remembrance of the Columbine shootings, and as a symbol of our year-round struggle against bullying, **it is appropriate that we designate the Third Week of April as Bullying Awareness Week.**

**Statement concerning April 16th-22nd, 2006:
Bullying Awareness Week**

Six years ago, on April 20th, 1999, our nation's worst school shooting took place at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Thirteen students and a teacher were killed, and 23 other students were wounded. The two young attackers, who had been bullied by their schoolmates, also died.

We must learn from this tragedy. We must join the organizations, school districts, teachers, and parents who have already spoken out against bullying.

We must do our best to make people understand the harm it can cause. In addition, we must show our children, through actions as well as words, that their emotional and physical well-being is important to us.

Our fight against bullying in school must not, of course, be limited to one week a year. However, in remembrance of the Columbine shootings, and as a symbol of our year-round struggle against bullying, we hereby designate the third week of April as Bullying Awareness Week.

2006 SUPPORTERS

Brenda High (Pasco WA), Executive Director, Bully Police USA, www.BullyPolice.org - Mother of Jared High, www.jaredstory.com, who died by "Bullycide"

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Elaine Morgan (PA/OH), Athens County Children Services, formally with Athens Head Start - I support the proclamation.

Jadey Berger (OH) Assistant Director of the South Eastern Ohio Talent Search program

Cedar Early Head Start (Akron, OH); Stephanie Goodrich, Mona Edwards,

Francie Lambert (OH), Danielle Armentrout, Yvette Byrd & Kathy Kraus

Tracy Lange (OH), I have four small children, and I hope they will be able to attend school in a safe environment without the worries and fears of bullying

Meredith Minter Dixon (WV), Statement writer, former bullied student, creator and maintainer of *Raven Days*: www.ravendays.org

Judith M. Kuczynski (MN), Vice Pres. Power of One Foundation, Inc., www.powerofonefoundation.org - Pres. Bully Police USA - parent of bullied child

Brenda High (Pasco WA), Executive Director, Bully Police USA, www.BullyPolice.org - Mother of Jared High, www.jaredstory.com, who died by "Bullycide"

David Westman (Wadena MN), Co-Director, Bully Police-Minnesota - www.TheWoundedChild.org, webmaster - former bullied student

Elizabeth Bennett (Los Angeles, CA), Director, Bully Police- California - www.peerabuse.info and www.peerabuse.com - Adult Survivor of Peer Abuse and Bullying

Adrianna Sgarlata, Virginia Director, Bully Police USA

Alison Cramer, Virginia, Friend of Bully Police Virginia

Brenda Meeks, Chesapeake, VA

Nichole Dalusung, Virginia, friend of Bully Police Virginia

Charles Hill, Virginia, Friend of Bully Police Virginia

Jeanne Hill, Virginia, Friend of Bully Police Virginia

Cristina Loyola, Virginia, supporter of Bully Police Virginia

Chris Jones, Washington D.C., friend of Bully Police Virginia

Janet Renner, Florida, Friend of Bully Police Virginia

Grace Coats, Support for National Bullying Awareness Week

Jason Berrent, Virginia, Friend of Bully Police Virginia

J. Harris, Virginia

John Clarke (VA), Grandson was a victim of a bully

Jessica Williams, Virginia, friend of Bully Police Virginia

Lou Leonard (VA), A concerned member of the Virginia Commonwealth

Karen Wait (Woodbridge, VA), Virginia Chapter of Bully Police USA

Pace Ellsworth, Friend of Bully Police Virginia Chapter

Scott, Suzy, Cam & Cole Davis (VA), 12 yr old victim of bullying and his family

Kris Hoeft (IA), Aunt of Cam, bully victim

Betty and Doug Taylor (VA) Grandparents of Bully victim

Kelly Poole (VA), Aunt of Cam, bully victim

Jackie Dowdy (VA), Aunt of Cam, bully victim

Bob & Pam Brown (VA), Uncle & Aunt of Cam, bully victim

Joyce Berney (VA), Friend of Bully Police, Virginia

Lynn & Geoff Pierce (VA), Friend of bully victim and her family

Georgia Painter, Virginia, friend of bully victim's family

Gary and Diane Arbuckle (VA) Friend of Bully Police-Virginia

Roseanne & Anthony Souza (MD), Friends of Bully Police Virginia

Meghan McCall (MD), Friend of Bully Police Virginia

Sarah Kugler (VA), Director of DECA Youth Suicide Prevention Project (Robinson High School)

DJ Berney (AL), Friend of Bully Police-Virginia - Concerned Citizen

Officer Alessandra Norden (OH), Anti-Bully Team - Ohio speaker - www.geocities.com/waverunner_9000/index.html

Amanda Wright (OH), I support the proclamation

Anna H. (MO), Survivor of bullying, Special Ed Preschool to 12th Grade

April Dunaway (OH), Survivor of bullying

Eric and Marie Church (AZ), Parents

Becky Forehand

Brandon Houseman (Chillicothe OH), Student at Ohio University

Brandi Warren (OH), I support the bullying awareness proclamation.

Carol Pacheco, I support the April 17-23 as National Bullying Awareness week.
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Danielle Oviatt (UT), Writer - Survivor of Bullying

Carol Edgell (Burke, VA), parent

Deborah Landry (ME) Executive Director, Crossroads/ www.crossroadsyouthcenter.org
Concerned Parent- Educator

Deborah Jones (NC), Parent, Daughter is a survivor of peer abuse, bullying and physical abuse - 1_debi@yahoo.com

Donald B. Webber, I support the Proclamation and designating a National Bullying Awareness Week.

Dr Charmaine Hockley, (Australian support Bullying Awareness Week) International Workplace Relationship Consultant, Author: *Silent Hell. Workplace violence and bullying* - charmainehockley@ozemail.com.au

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Advocacy Group For Parents Of Children Affected By Bullying Wallingford, CT
www.AGPCABINC.org

Mary Sgarlata Adamus (NY), Several years ago we had a 4-year-old child in our area killed by a 13 year old who had been bullied."

Elva Orton (Burke VA), From a mother of seven children who thinks there is way too much bullying in our schools.

Kathy Framarini, Bully Police Florida Director www.bullypoliceflorida.org,

Carrol Ann Chambers - Victims of School Bullying Advocacy supports the Proclamation to declare 4/17 - 4/23 Bullying Awareness Week. -Founder and President.
www.victimsofschoolbullying.org

Lori A. Henkle (Chillicothe, OH), Support the Proclamation and anti-bullying efforts

Isaac W. K. Thweatt, Assistant to the Assistant Director of Student Activities Office of Student Activities, George Mason University - I am in support of a National Bullying Awareness week.

Jay Krunszynsky(PA), MA, CPRP, Mental Health Director, Author of "I'm Sorry" - <http://www.relationshiprepair.net> - former bullied student

Brandi Jasmine - Writer, Photographer, Illustrator - Adult Survivor of Peer Abuse, bullying <http://www.brandijasmine.com/web/staci>

John Halligan (VT), in memory of my son Ryan: <http://www.ryanpatrickhalligan.com>

Kevin Mohorn (MD), Supporter of Bully Police USA

Laura Chase (Winnipeg, MB - Canada), Activist

Lindsay Judice -I support your proclamation - One concern, is one week of awareness enough? Mother is a teacher

Peg Yttre (WI) parent and teacher pyttre@nbps.k12.wi.us

H.J. Van Dam (VA), Parent, RN

Mary Moskowitz (ME), Working with a Parents group against bullying in Maine, parent of daughter being bullied

Matthew Sgarlata (Washington DC), survivor of peer abuse and bullying - Friend of Bully Police USA

Michael Jackman (Canton, MA), Director of School Programs, Norfolk District Attorney's Office - www.norfolkda.com - Anti-Bullying Educator

Mitchell N Lambert (WI), School Psychologist, New Berlin Public Schools - Lambertm@nbps.k12.wi.us

Nancy Gray Ph.D (ID), Educator - Legislative liaison for Bully Police-Idaho

Richard Pain (VA), father of four and grandfather to nine. rpain@cox.net

Vince Garcia (TX), Friend of bully police-Texas

Maria Shine Stewart (Cleveland, OH), parent and educator

Pamela L Godines (Austin, TX) Educational Specialist, Safe Riders Program, www.dshs.state.tx.us/saferiders

Peg Poulin (ME), Insurance and Financial Services - Concerned Parent - We must do all we can to stop bullying.

Ruthie Owen (Denver, CO), Colorado State Coordinator of Kids Against Gun Violence - R4youth@aol.com - one of the first volunteer counselor's at Columbine High, 4/20/99

Robin D'Antona, Ed.D. (Falmouth MA), National Olweus Bullying Prevention Trainer

Robin Todd, RMT (AZ), parent of a child who has been bullied and harassed

Veronica Miskimen (TX), Mother of three children

Vince Garcia, Texas, Friend of Bully Police Texas

Sue Miller (Pasco WA), Former Franklin County Commissioner, Concerned Parent and Grandparent

Tara L. McGee (OH), Concerned parent and mother of 2 boys

Brenda Wilson (Redmond, OR), Anti bullying activist - Survivor of bullying

Thomas Brown (Zanesville, OH), The Broken Toy Project, National Anti-Bullying Speaker and Educator, Anti-Bullying Film Creator - brokentoypoint@columbus.rr.com

Tim Field (UK), Executive Director, The Field Foundation, www.thefieldfoundation.org and www.bullyonline.org, survivor and writer

Terry Nisbet (Gilbert AZ), mother, former teacher

Tom Hall (TX), Son physically thrown to concrete playground by bully and required three stitches - scar remains today on forehead 20 years later.

W. Barry Nixon, SPHR, (CA), Father, Entrepreneur, Consultant, Concerned Citizen and Executive Director, National Institute for the Prevention of Workplace Violence, Inc., - www.Workplaceviolence911.com - We are far overdue in giving recognition, support and acknowledgement to the significant impact bullying has on multiple facets of our lives and our future, our children, so let's etch the importance of this in our memory with National Bullying Awareness week.

Cindy Wesley (Canada), Co-founder of PAVE-Parents Against Violence Everywhere, which was born after the suicide death of her 14 year daughter due to bullying

Genie Williford (VA), Marketing Education Teacher, Edison HS, Alexandria, Va. I wholeheartedly support the proclamation to designate a particular week as National Bullying Awareness Week. As a teacher, I have seen its devastating effects on many of my students.

Moana Midgley, (MN), Friend of Bully Police-Minnesota

Rhonda Howdysell, (Middlebrook, VA), A mom of a child who was nearly destroyed by bullying - rlmceh@ntelos.net

Kathy Noll, author, "*Taking the Bully by the Horns*" - hometown.aol.com/kthynoll
Bullying Prevention advocate

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Brenda Sushka, (IL), Megan's Mom & Director, Bully Police-Illinois

Mr. & Mrs. James L. & Donna Hautz, Jr. (VA), - This is a serious problem in our schools that is too often neglected.

Tonya Evans, (PA), mother of a young girl who is constantly bullied.

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Randy Corpuz, (New York, NY), Bullied in early elementary lead to being the bully in all school years following until freshman year in college. Now an active member in local organizations and a startup project in New York dealing with bullying in the at-risk population.

Robyn K. - My daughter gets bullied constantly at her school

Stephanie Brannon, mother of 4 and friends of mothers who have all been a victim of bullying in the schools in our area.

David Meldman, J.D., Iowa

Tracey Watson, (South Carolina), Friend of Bully Police-South Carolina; Determined to keep bullying out of my classroom

Maureen Shannon, School Psychologist, in the midst of organizing a series of workshops to be given to 7th graders on bully prevention

Sheldon Goodman, Ph.D. Great Neck, New York - A psychologist who works with the NYC schools and a child abuse prevention agency

Officer Alessandra Norden (Ohio) - Speaks to children in schools about bullying - <http://www.geocities.com/waverunner tp/index.html>

Cathy Swartwood Mitchell, Oklahoma, Mother of Brandon Swartwood who was bullied to death (bullycide) - <http://www.jaredstory.com/brandon.html>

Liz Heston, Fort Wayne Texas, - I am 32 years old and experienced bullying when I was in the 7 and 8 grade. I know what horrible and lasting trauma it can be

Shannon L. Egglest, Orange Park, FL., corvairbabe2003@netscape.net

Chari Weber, chari@mhageauga.org, Mental Health Association

Samantha (UK) - 17 year old survivor of bullying, & founder of Stand Up & Shout, <http://s8.invisionfree.com/Stand Up And Shout>, a support forum for those who are being bullied

Dalerae McGhee, Home Base Teacher Athens Head Start Ohio

Kathelleen Parsons, Pennsylvania - "I could not tell you how many bullies are from here..."

Fran Pearce, Temecula, CA., "...we have had our share of grave tragedy due to bullying"

Blake Thompson, Franklin, TN., Producer of Nationally Syndicated Talk Radio Show... "The Dave Ramsey Show" - Anti-Bully Advocate. Bullied in the 9th grade. blaket@daveramsey.com

Warren Throckmorton, PhD, www.drthrockmorton.com, www.idoexist.com, www.identityradio.com

Tony Bartoli, Nashville, TN. Born with CEREBRAL PALSY, bullied for five years in public schools, Tony is a Leader and a National Speaker with a message to stand up and stand up strong. "I am definitely an enthusiast about the "National Bullying Awareness Week" and I hope that this week in April will start a crusade of Anti-Bullying - tonyb4hope@yahoo.com

Vicki Starin, Maryland

Bonnie Augusta, Wisconsin, Resource Teacher Madison Metro School District Madison, dealing with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning students

Renee Williams, Texas - Son is in the eighth grade and being bullied.

Fran Rush, Texas - A University Lecturer at the University of Texas at Austin.

Karen Reidy-Miller

Dave Peacher, Anti Bullying Supporter at Metz Middle School - Something needs to be done to combat the fear our children have of others that bully them in our schools. That is why I am a member of the Bullying Committee in the school in which I work. The committee is working to come up with Anti Bullying Programs in our schools.

Shawna Hathaway, West Virginia - smhathaw@access.k12.wv.us

Jennifer Fox, Jack Fox, Connor Tooker, and Colton Tooker - Woodbridge, VA - A mother who was bullied and now suffers through her children being bullied, and a husband who strongly supports our desire for change. We happily support Bullying Awareness Week and the nationwide effort to prevent bullying in our schools.

Phyllis J. Nelson, Michigan, K-12 Counselor and Author: <http://www.pathway-pals.com/bully> - supports Bullying Awareness week

Tpr. Alexander B. Johnstone, New York - School Resource Officer; Sharon Springs Central School; ajohnstone@sharonsprings.org

Lori Stephens Tomlinson, Sarasota, FL., Executive Director, *ALSO Out Youth Lori Stephens Tomlinson* executive.director@alsoyouth.org, www.alsoyouth.org - I am part of a local and state-wide coalition to promote the passage of safe schools legislation in Florida.

Karla Bardwell, Michigan - I totally support the bully police and would love to see a National bully awareness day.

Susan Simpson, Cass City, Michigan 48726
Brian Simpson, Cass City, Michigan 48726
Stephanie Ramsey, Cass City, Michigan 48726
Madison Simpson, Cass City, Michigan 48726
Heather Simpson, Cass City, Michigan 48726

Anne Shirley - Massachusetts - An adult survivor of bullying

Tanya K. Bogdanovski

J. Jill-Rito, teacher/advisor, Bethpage High School - Bethpage, NY - Bullying and harassment occur far too frequently in the schools and in the communities

Janet Jakubek - Wittenberg, WI - My son is the victim of bullying and I am sick to my stomach that the schools do nothing here. I want to help stop this!

S. Butler - New Jersey

Lisa H. - parent of a 12-year-old girl from Colorado

Brianne Schilt - New York

Ken Micklash - A teacher from Michigan

Katherine Pullings - Washington DC

Christine K. Kurman - Mayfair Elementary School - Philadelphia, PA

Kristl Widner, Bully Police Media Specialist - Abingdon, VA - 276-739-9980

Tamara Evans - Illinois

Richard Stewart

Rick McFarland, Counselor, Jefferson County North - Winchester, KS - I deal with this daily. Why can't people understand what this is doing to our kids? Too often the behavior has been accepted as "girls will be girls" or "boys will be boys!"

Heather Kleinbord

Kate & Michael Hannon, West Virginia - We would love to see something done to stop bullying once and for all across the United States.

Ellen - I am a former Middle School teacher (of 20+ years) and have a daughter going into our local public middle school next year. ...bullying lurks in the shadows of our children's lives whether people want to hide their heads in the sand or not.

Cathy Harter, (Troy, Ohio) - My son was a victim of bullying. During High School my son was subjected to daily verbal harassment and physical shoving, tripping, and pushing. I applaud your efforts to fight against the devastating effects of bullying. In loving memory of my son **Stephen Nelson Harter**.

Deborah Trujillo - California (grew up in Indiana)

Sharon Perpignani - Somerville, Massachusetts

Keri-lynn Queen, North Dakota, parent of bullying victim, currently working on having a bullying policy implemented at our local school, having great difficulty with administration recognizing the issue.

Patricia Leigh Toler, Rockville, Maryland

MARK HASSEBROEK, Alaska