## **Bullying Prevention Month Resolution**



**WHEREAS**, school bullying has become an increasingly significant problem in the United States and Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, over twenty percent of the youth in the United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully or as a victim; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred sixty thousand students in kindergarten through twelfth grade miss school every day due to a fear of being bullied; and

WHEREAS, bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, and most recently in cyberspace, and can happen in many places on and off school grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for Virginia parents, students, teachers, and school administrators to be aware of bullying, and to encourage discussion of the problem as a school community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Albemarle County School Division has a policy on anti-bullying to encourage positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Albemarle County School Board recognizes the month of October 2017 as Bullying Prevention Month, with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in Albemarle County schools and classrooms during that time.

Signed this 12th day of October 2017.

Káte Acuff, Chairman