



PROCLAMATION *of the* TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE

October as Bullying Prevention Month

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology; and

WHEREAS, various researchers conclude that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually, as almost thirty 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, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire lifelong physical, emotional, and learning problems; and

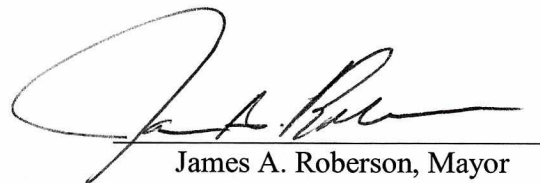
WHEREAS, students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

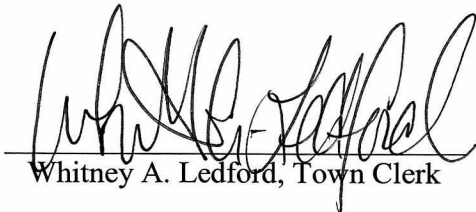
WHEREAS, children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James A. Roberson, Mayor of the Town of Knightdale, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October of 2017 as Bullying Prevention Month and encourage Town of Knightdale schools, students, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our community safer for all children and adolescents.

This the 18th day of October, 2017.



James A. Roberson, Mayor



Whitney A. Ledford, Town Clerk