



**TOWN OF WENDELL**

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2017 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.

**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.

**WHEREAS**, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire lifelong physical, emotional, and learning problems.

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Wendell community schools – Wendell Elementary, Laky Myra Elementary, Carver Elementary, Wendell Middle and East Wake High School – recognize October as Bullying Prevention Month and will coordinate age-appropriate prevention activities for students.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on behalf of the Wendell Town Board of Commissioners, I, Mayor Virginia Gray of the Town of Wendell, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October of 2017 as Bullying Prevention Month.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that Town of Wendell schools, students, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations be encouraged to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our community safer for all children and adolescents.



*Virginia R. Gray*  
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Mayor