

RESOLUTION  
*of*  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING  
BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH  
OCTOBER 2015

**WHEREAS**, approximately 30 percent of students in the U.S. are involved in bullying on a regular basis, either as a victim; bully, or both; and

**WHEREAS**, teens in grades 6 through 10 are the most likely to be involved in activities related to bullying; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying directly affects a student's ability to learn. Students who are bullied find it difficult to concentrate, show a decline in grades, and lose self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-worth; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2013-2014 California Healthy Kids Survey of Marin County students found, 37% of 7th and 9th graders and 34% of 11th graders reported having been bullied or harassed; and

**WHEREAS**, October is National Bullying Prevention Month when students, schools, and communities come together to raise awareness and show support for those who have been bullied; and

**WHEREAS**, Novato Blue Ribbon Coalition for Youth's theme for 2015 is "Take a Heroic Stand Against Bullying"; and

**WHEREAS**, students can be especially effective in bullying intervention. More than 55 percent of bullying situations will stop when a peer intervenes. Student education of how to address bullying for peers is critical, as is the support of adults; and

**WHEREAS**, silence is no longer an acceptable response to bullying. Adults, students, and educators can no longer look away when they see bullying. Ignoring it won't work. Everyone needs to be empowered with options to respond; and

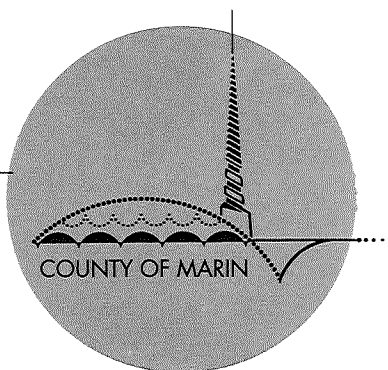
**WHEREAS**, the Novato Blue Ribbon Coalition for Youth is working to educate the community about bullying through outreach activities including providing training on cyberbullying and internet safety to parents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the month of October 2015, as "Bullying Prevention Month."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin supports efforts to call attention to the issue of bullying and encourages schools, parents, youth, governmental agencies, and the private sector to support efforts to reduce and prevent bullying in our communities.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 6th day of October 2015.

KATIE RICE – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 2 - PRESIDENT



JUDY ARNOLD – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 5