

# PROCLAMATION

#P23-002

## Hernando County Schools Bullying Prevention/Acts of Kindness Week November 14-18, 2022

**WHEREAS**, it is important that Hernando students be protected from bullying and harassment and its tragedies and recognize that bullying and harassment are a form of violence with lifelong effects, as we acknowledge that a safe, physical and emotional environment is a significant goal and a personal right of each individual; and

**WHEREAS**, as we acknowledge that there are many incidents of depression, poor self esteem, anxiety, aggression, self destructive behaviors and violent acts that children resort to in defense of bullying and harassment; and

**WHEREAS**, excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure and peaceful school settings; and

**WHEREAS**, all parents, students, teachers and especially those leaders in education, health care, law enforcement, government and business need to collaborate with each other to focus public attention on this important issue of school safety and work to change the social climate and social norms in regards to bullying and harassing behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying and harassment are learned behaviors and occur in more environments than just school; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals and communities have the responsibility, the power and knowledge of the resources available to stop bullying and harassment in its tracks; and

**WHEREAS**, heightening awareness and helping each other to recognize and respond effectively to bullying and harassing behavior will promote respect and safety within our learning environment and beyond, into our family community; be it **RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED**,

*Our schools are committed to bullying and harassment prevention and officially designated November 14-18, 2022, as Hernando County Schools Bullying Prevention/Acts of Kindness Week.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have here unto set my hand*

And seal at \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_

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John Stratton, Superintendent of Schools

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Gus Guadagnino, Board Chairperson