

PROCLAMATION

#P26-002

Hernando County Schools Bullying Prevention/Acts of Kindness Week November 10-16, 2025

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 10-16, 2025, as Hernando County Schools Bullying Prevention/Acts of Kindness Week.

In Witness Whereof, I have here unto set my hand

And seal at _____

On _____

Ray Pinder, Superintendent of Schools

Shannon Rodriguez, Board Chairperson