Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

PENNSYLVANIA BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH
October 2018

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, such as the internet, social media and cell phones; and

WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence and affects millions of American children and adolescents each year; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Pennsylvania children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually; and

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

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens. I encourage Pennsylvanians to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this nineteenth day of September two thousand eighteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-third.

Tom Wolf
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Governor