

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____

By Senator Schodorf

A RESOLUTION establishing Anti-Bullying Awareness Week in Kansas.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas recognizes its responsibility to ensure physically safe and emotionally secure environments for all Kansas students and school staff; and

WHEREAS, Bullying creates a climate of fear among students, inhibiting their ability to learn and contributing to other anti-social behaviors; and

WHEREAS, It is important that we acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious issues and the negative effects of bullying; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature has required local boards of education to adopt and implement plans to address bullying when on school property, including a provision for the training and education of staff members and students; and

WHEREAS, Bullying is a community-wide issue and students, families, and educators all have a role in addressing bullying situations and changing school culture; and

WHEREAS, October has been designated National Anti-Bullying Awareness Month: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the first full week of October of each year beginning with October 2011 be designated Anti-Bullying Awareness Week in Kansas as a symbol of our commitment to ensuring safe and nurturing school environments; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 12 enrolled copies of this resolution to the Kansas Board of Education, 120 SE 10th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66612.