

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1820

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.

Senate Resolution No.1820 was sponsored by Senator Jean Schodorf.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*