

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0073
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Schleifer, Bullock
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Recognizing October as National Bullying Prevention Month

FOR the purpose of recognizing October as National Bullying Prevention Month and calling on all schools and organizations dealing with youth in Baltimore to do their part to bring awareness to the bullying crisis and work to end bullying.

Recitals

WHEREAS, A national study showed that 49% of students have been bullied in one way or another (physical, verbal, or cyber) while in grades 4 through 12;

WHEREAS, Students who are bullied are more likely to experience depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, academic problems, and drop out of school than students who are not bullied;

WHEREAS, Bullying is a public health crisis effecting not only our children but people of all ages;

WHEREAS, Every October, schools and organizations across the country observe National Bullying Prevention Month;

WHEREAS, The goal of National Bullying Prevention Month is to encourage communities to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of its prevalence and impact;

WHEREAS, We call on all schools and organizations dealing with youth in Baltimore to do their part in bringing awareness to this crisis;

WHEREAS, Bullying causes such distress that often children will harm themselves or even commit suicide; and

WHEREAS, With enough education and attention to this crisis we can end bullying.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City Council recognizes October as National Bullying Prevention Month and calls on all schools and organizations dealing with youth in Baltimore to do their part to bring awareness to the bullying crisis and work to end bullying.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.