Proclamation

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WHEREAS, we must safeguard schools and communities for our children, and, through our recognition of the serious issues that face them each day, offer our children an environment that holds promise and security; and

WHEREAS, many organizations, school districts, educators and parents have publicly expressed concern about the bullying of children; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all residents of Rockville be aware of the importance of addressing bullying behavior and the impact of bullying on the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville supports efforts related to the prevention of bullying in our community; and

WHEREAS, the annual national bullying prevention month, which takes place every October, provides an opportunity to raise awareness and highlight efforts made by the City of Rockville to the residents of our community. We join forces with thousands of other communities across the country to promote safe environments that foster and embrace the uniqueness of each child; and;

WHEREAS, the youth programs provided through the Rockville Recreation and Parks Department play a vital role in addressing the concerns of bullying with our youth through programs such as afterschool initiatives, sports, youth development and counseling programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014 as Bullying Prevention Month and urge all residents of Rockville to recognize this special observance and not tolerate bullying behavior.

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