

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018 AS  
"SCHOOL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH"  
IN PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, school bullying has become an increasingly significant problem in the United States and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, over twenty percent of the youth in the United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully or as a victim; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred sixty thousand students in kindergarten through twelfth grade miss school every day due to a fear of being bullied; and

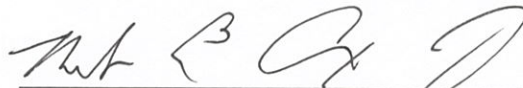
WHEREAS, bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, and most recently in cyberspace, and can happen in many places on and off school grounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Virginia parents, students, teachers, and school administrators to be aware of bullying, and to encourage discussion of the problem as a school community; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George School Board has developed a model policy on anti-bullying to encourage positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors;

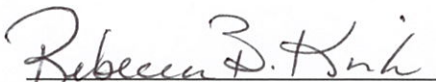
Now, THEREFORE, the PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD recognizes the month of October, 2018, as School Bullying Prevention Month, with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in Virginia schools and classrooms during that time.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.



Robert E. Cox, Jr., School Board Chairman

Attest:



Rebecca B. Kirk, Clerk of the board