

**TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
COMMON COUNCIL**

A PROCLAMATION

**NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH
OCTOBER 2016**

WHEREAS, bullying is a universal issue that touches almost every person, family, school, business or community at one time or another regardless of age, gender, race, religion or socio-economic status; and,

WHEREAS, many local organizations, educators, parents, and grandparents have publicly expressed concern about the bullying of children and adults; and,

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS, it is a form of abuse, with repeated acts over time that involve a real or perceived imbalance of power; and occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, such as the Internet and cell phones; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that the citizens of Quartzsite recognize that the effects of bullying can be serious and even fatal. Targets of bullying can suffer from long term emotional and behavioral problems; and various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

WHEREAS, bullying affects witnesses as well as targets. Complex PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) is a psychiatric injury that can occur to targets AND witnesses of bullying; and targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, intimidated; and

WHEREAS, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, we need to take responsibility and ensure safe environments, validate targets, and use collaborative approaches to resolving differences, to end the torment; and raise awareness to change attitudes. Creating a culture that no longer accepts bullying will make schools and communities safer for everyone; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that **WE the COMMON COUNCIL** of the Town of Quartzsite hereby proclaim October as Quartzsite's National Bullying Prevention Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Quartzsite schools, students, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations be encouraged to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.



Ed Foster, Mayor

Given under my hand in these free United States in the Town of Quartzsite, La Paz County, Arizona, on the 25th day of October, two thousand and sixteen, and to which I have caused the Seal of the Town of Quartzsite to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

ATTEST:



Tina M. Abriani, Town Clerk