



**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION 2018-977**

Item # 7.29

ADOPTED

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**October 2018 Bullying Prevention and Awareness Month in the  
Town of Southampton**

WHEREAS, Bullying is an important issue which affects the lives of children across this country; and

WHEREAS, the Southampton Town Board recognizes that the children of the Town of Southampton are no less at risk to the serious potential consequences which include the erosion of self-esteem, interference with learning in school, anxiety and depression often plaguing them into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, the results of the 2017 Teen Assessment project survey show that in Southampton Town 22.6% of youth reported being bullied or harassed in the past year; and

WHEREAS, these youths were almost twice as likely to report symptoms of depression (66%), almost three times as likely to have contemplated suicide, three times as likely to self-injure, four times as likely to be in an abusive relationship, and almost three times as likely to be abused at home; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southampton is committed to providing whatever it can to enhance and facilitate a positive and enriching environment for children and youth to develop to the very best of their potential; and

WHEREAS, October is recognized across the United States and designated as National Bullying Prevention and Awareness Month by the National Bullying Prevention Center; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 the Town Board of the Town of Southampton recognized October as Bullying Prevention and Awareness Month in the Town of Southampton; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Southampton wants to continue to raise awareness of this issue and provide education and resources to its citizens; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southampton again joins in recognition of October 2018 being Bullying Prevention and Awareness Month in the Town of Southampton; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in further recognition the Town of Southampton will host a Bullying Prevention Summit with area schools on October 24th, to take place at the Hampton Bays Middle School which will provide information, education and resources for students about Cyber-Bullying and Bullying through The Town of Southampton's Youth Bureau.  
Financial Impact:  
None

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Christine Preston Scalera, Councilwoman

**SECONDER:** Julie Lofstad, Councilwoman

**AYES:** Schneiderman, Lofstad, Scalera, Bouvier, Schiavoni