

A RESOLUTION TO ERADICATE BULLYING FROM AMERICA'S SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, more than 13 million Americans kids each year are affected by bullying; and

WHEREAS, teens in grades 6 through 10 are the most likely to be involved in activities related to bullying; and

WHEREAS, approximately 30 percent of students in the United States are involved in bullying on a regular basis, either as a victim, bully or both; and

WHEREAS, as the civic leaders of Statesville, Mooresville and Troutman, we can and must use our resources to effect positive change in our communities; and

WHEREAS, for Bullying Prevention Month in October, 2014, Statesville Mayor Costi Kutteh, Mooresville Mayor Miles Atkins and Troutman Mayor Elbert Richardson have joined forces with The United States Conference of Mayors and The Bully Project in The Mayors Campaign to End Bullying which builds resolve for local communities to come together and improve school climate and create safer schools; and

WHEREAS, bullying still impacts far too many of our nation's youth – about one in four children in the United States are bullied on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kutteh, Mayor Atkins and Mayor Richardson are committed to continue to raise awareness about the issue of bullying and resolves to double their efforts to help eradicate this problem.

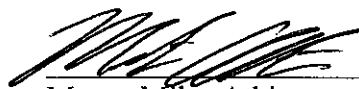
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Kutteh, Mayor Atkins and Mayor Richardson fully support bullying prevention activities such as the Second Annual Ignite Summit; and

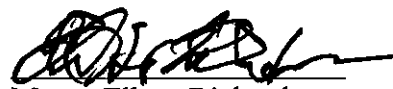
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they pledge now to convene discussions with stakeholders in their communities to send a strong local and national message and drive real change at the local level this year and each following year for Bullying Prevention Month; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Statesville Mayor Costi Kutteh, Mooresville Mayor Miles Atkins and Troutman Mayor Elbert Richardson will do all they can to call attention to the issue of bullying in schools and work to develop city-wide programs to combat the problem and ensure that all students have access to a safe and secure educational environment.

This 1st of October 2014.


Mayor Costi Kutteh
City of Statesville


Mayor Miles Atkins
Town of Mooresville


Mayor Elbert Richardson
Town of Troutman