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RESOLUTION NO. 07-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO LOBBYING FOR AND SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE'S INITIATIVE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-BULLYING BILL SB 114; AND REQUESTING THE MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD TO TAKE GREATER ACTION ON THE ISSUE OF SCHOOL BULLYING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Sponsored by Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council wishes to bring to light the fact that many students attending school are subjected to bullying in many horrible ways including intentional tormenting through verbal harassment, physical assault or other methods of coercion and manipulation; and,

WHEREAS, although bullying may involve direct attacks such as hitting, threatening, intimidating, malicious teasing, name calling, sexual remarks and stealing or damaging of others' belongings, there are also indirect attacks such as spreading rumors or encouraging others to reject or exclude a student; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Mayor and Village Council to support the state legislature in development of legislature that will spread awareness of this problem and assist in creating consequences to those who do not display proper behavior in an educational setting; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has proposed SB 114 bill entitled "Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Student Act" (attached as Exhibit 1) to prohibit bullying or harassment during educational programs or activities, on school buses, or through use of data or computer software accessed through computer systems of certain educational institutions; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed state legislation will require each school district to adopt a policy prohibiting bullying and harassment and providing minimum requirements for the contents of the policy; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation will require the Department of Education to develop model policies, approve each school district's policies and compliance procedures (as prerequisites to the schools receipt of safe schools funds) and requiring a report on implementation; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council supports the proposed SB 114 legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All of the above whereas clauses are incorporated by reference.

1 Section 2. The Mayor and the Village Council seek the support of the Miami-Dade
2 School Board to support and lobby the Florida Legislature to pass proposed SB 114 in an effort to
3 take greater action as to protect the interests of all Florida students from bullying.
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5 Section 3. The Mayor and the Village Council seek the support of all neighboring
6 communities in Miami-Dade County, Broward County and Palm Beach County and all other
7 affected communities within Florida to support and lobby the Florida Legislature to pass proposed
8 SB 114 so that the interests of all Florida students are further protected from unwanted conflict,
9 harm and emotional distress.

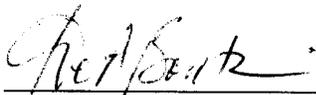
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11 Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.
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14 PASSED and ADOPTED this 11th day of June, 2007.
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19 Attest: 
20 Meighan Rader
21 Village Clerk
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Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.
Mayor
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24 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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28 Eve A. Boutsis,
29 Nagin Gallop Figueredo, P.A.
30 Office of Village Attorney
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32 FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:
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34 Council Member Ed Feller	<u>YES</u>
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36 Council Member Paul Neidhart	<u>YES</u>
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38 Council Member Shelly Stanczyk	<u>YES</u>
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40 Vice-Mayor Linda Robinson	<u>YES</u>
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42 Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.	<u>YES</u>
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