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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ DESIGNATING OCTOBER AS BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH IN  
5 THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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7 WHEREAS, bullying is the aggressive use of power  
8 targeting another person or group of people with repeated,  
9 unwanted words or action, causing emotional, mental, and  
10 physical harm; and

11 WHEREAS, bullying is not a "rite of passage" but a  
12 harmful act that occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds,  
13 schools, the workplace, and online through technology; and

14 WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that  
15 bullying is the most common form of violence, negatively  
16 affecting millions of American and thousands of Alabamian  
17 children and adolescents annually; and

18 WHEREAS, targets of bullying are at increased risk  
19 for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, lower academic  
20 achievement, and dropping out of school, and students who  
21 are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding  
22 the bus, going to school, interacting online, and attending  
23 community services; and

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

26 WHEREAS, children who witness bullying often feel  
27 less safe, helpless to stop it, and intimidated; and

28 WHEREAS, October is recognized across the United



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29 States of America as National Bullying Prevention Month to  
30 prevent and stop bullying and to encourage citizens to treat  
31 others with kindness and respect; now therefore,

32 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
33 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the month of October is  
34 designated as Bullying Prevention Month in the State of  
35 Alabama, and Alabama schools, students, parents, recreation  
36 programs, religious institutions, businesses, and community  
37 organizations are encouraged to engage in a variety of  
38 awareness and prevention activities designed to make our  
39 communities safer for all children and adolescents; and that  
40 Alabamians are encouraged to wear and share orange as a  
41 visual clue to engage in kindness and acceptance to build  
42 stronger Alabama communities.