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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: September 30, 2013

SUBJECT: **BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE RESOLUTION**

Attached for your information is Resolution No. 2013-773, which was passed by the Bal Harbour Village on May 28, 2013.

A Resolution Directing The Creation Of An Anti-Bullying Policy That Establishes An Awareness Campaign And Reporting System For Bullying, Harassment, And Intimidation Of Children In Village Facilities; Directing The Village Manager To Create A Program Of Education And Reporting Of Bullying; And Requesting Surrounding Communities Join In Such Efforts And To Establish A Collaborative Initiative Through An Interlocal Board To Develop And Implement An Awareness Campaign And Anti-Bullying Policy; Providing For Authorization; Providing For An Effective Date.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 305.673.7411.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-773

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CREATION OF AN ANTI-BULLYING POLICY THAT ESTABLISHES AN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AND REPORTING SYSTEM FOR BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND INTIMIDATION OF CHILDREN IN VILLAGE FACILITIES; DIRECTING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO CREATE A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION AND REPORTING OF BULLYING; AND REQUESTING SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES JOIN IN SUCH EFFORTS AND TO ESTABLISH A COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE THROUGH AN INTERLOCAL BOARD TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AND ANTI-BULLYING POLICY; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Bal Harbour Village (the "VILLAGE") is concerned about the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and desires to provide a healthy, positive, and safe atmosphere for its children; and

WHEREAS, it appears that incidents of bullying are increasing to such a degree, and research suggests that such incidents directly affect a student's health and well-being and thus contribute to excess absences from school, physical sickness, mental and emotional anguish, and long-term social and mental consequences, such that in 2011, the Florida legislature adopted Section 1006.147 Florida Statutes defining and prohibiting bullying and harassment in the public schools; and

WHEREAS, bullying, harassment, and intimidation can take many physical, verbal, and written forms, including physical bullying; teasing or name-calling; social exclusion; peer sexual harassment; bullying about race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity; and cyber bullying (bullying through email, text messaging, social media sites, and or other electronic means); and

WHEREAS, in addition to the public schools, many municipalities across the region are already engaged in anti-bullying education and prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council believes it is in the best interest of the VILLAGE to be proactive in these matters and to assure that every child is to be valued and respected regardless of perceived differences, and therefore wishes to condemn all forms of bullying and affirms the VILLAGE'S commitment to equality and freedom from discrimination and violence for all of its residents, and particularly its children.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. That the above stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

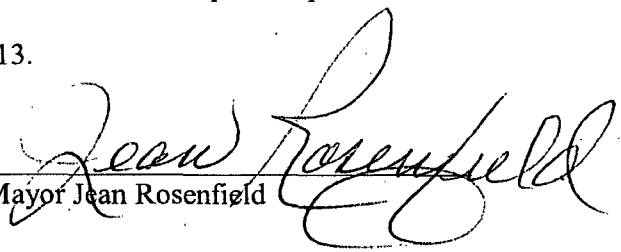
Section 2. Adoption of Anti-Bullying Policy and Recommendations. That the Village Council wishes to take a leadership role in adopting an Anti-Bullying Policy that establishes an awareness campaign and reporting system for bullying, harassment, and intimidation and hereby directs the Village Manager to take the following actions:

- a) To develop a policy that includes an awareness campaign which shall consist of an education program (including promotion and modeling of respectful language, fostering an understanding of and respect for diversity, and an annual training program for staff), signage referencing the Anti-Bullying Policy posted at all Parks and Recreation Department facilities, and a reporting system for these incidents of bullying or retaliation, in all VILLAGE facilities; and
- b) To coordinate and encourage the surrounding communities of Bay Harbor Islands and Surfside, whose children utilize VILLAGE facilities (as well as other neighboring municipalities and schools) to join with the VILLAGE in effectuating such an effort; and
- c) Send a certified copy of this resolution to the municipal clerks of the surrounding communities of Bay Harbor Islands, Miami Beach, North Bay Village, Surfside, Sunny Isles Beach, Aventura, North Miami Beach and North Miami as well as the Principals of Ruth K Broad K-8 Center and the surrounding public and private schools encouraging similar efforts.

Section 3. Implementation. That the Village Manager is hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

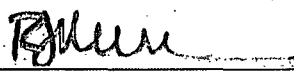
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of May, 2013.


Mayor Jean Rosenfield

Attest:


Ellisa L. Horvath, MMC, Village Clerk

APPROVAL AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


Village Attorney
Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L.
Reviewed and Approved by Village Attorney Matthew Pearl