

WHEREAS, Bullying has become an issue in communities around the nation; and

WHEREAS, Every seven minutes a child is bullied, and rarely does any type of intervention occur; and

WHEREAS, In occurrences which bystanders do intervene the bullying ceases within ten seconds greater than fifty percent of the time; and

WHEREAS, Over fourteen million American children will be bullied this year making it the most common form of violence among our youth; and

WHEREAS, The "No Bully Zone" Campaign is a collective effort of concerned community leaders and stakeholders which are interested in improving the quality of education for children in and around Smiths Station; and

WHEREAS, The "No Bully Zone" Campaign emphasizes positive behavior intervention strategies and awareness tools for schools to encourage youth to speak up and reduce the incidence of bullying; and

WHEREAS, Because of the commitment of numerous organizers, volunteers and citizens committed to ensuring that there is no vestige of bullying perpetuated in our community,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LaFaye Dellinger, Mayor of Smiths Station, Alabama, on this the 3rd Day of April, 2015, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 11, 2015 as "NO BULLY ZONE" ORGANIZERS APPRECIATION DAY

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Great Seal of the City of Smiths Station, Alabama on the 1st day of April, 2015.

LaFaye Dellinger, Mayor