

# Russell County Commission Proclamation

## “NO BULLY ZONE”

**WHEREAS**, statistics say that approximately 14 million American kids will be bullied this year, making this the most common form of violence experienced by children, and;

**WHEREAS**, children who are bullied are reluctant to report these episodes to a teacher, parent or a person in charge for fear of repercussions from the aggressors. Children should not live with such fear. Their lives are affected by the actions and inactions of those who witness, but say little or nothing, and;

**WHEREAS**, our educational systems also suffer because of bullying: Grades drop due to the mental anxiety that bullying causes. Attendance drops, because of fear and the lack of recourse available to those who are bullied, and;

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to stop bullying and be proactive against violent behaviors through education, a campaign has begun within Russell County, and;

**WHEREAS**, the “No Bully Zone” campaign is a collective effort of concerned community leaders and stakeholders that are interested in improving the quality of education for kids in and around Russell County by emphasizing positive behavioral intervention strategies and awareness tools for schools to encourage youth to speak up and reduce the incidences of bullying, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Russell County Commission thanks the cooperative and creative efforts of the “No Bully Zone” organizers: Laitsha Littleton, Mary King, Curtis King, Arlene Sanchez, Pastor Johnnie Robinson, Chris Jones, Lorna Carter, Ronnie Battle and Toni Whitaker; who are striving to make bullying nonexistent in our community, and;

**THEREFORE**, the Russell County Commission supports the “NO BULLY ZONE” campaign and welcomes others to follow, speak out and stand strong against bullying, harassment, abuse and all other kinds of emotional and physical violence.

Chair



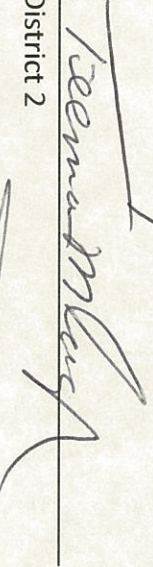
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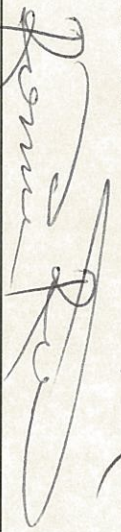
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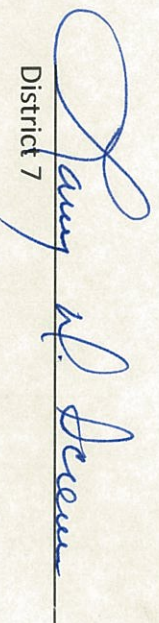
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County Administrator

