

## Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

## **PROCLAMATION**

## PROCLAIMING JUNE 2023 JUSTICE AGAINST BULLING @ SCHOOLS (J.A.B.S.) AWARENESS MONTH IN KALAMAZOO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Justice Against Bullying @ School (J.A.B.S.) has served the Youth impacted by bullying in Kalamazoo County since 2016;

WHEREAS, During that time J.A.B.S. has raised awareness, educated, supported, and or empowered over 200 youth who have been affected by bullying in some way;

WHEREAS, J.A.B.S. strongly supports the inclusion of students in the development of anti-bullying policy-making process and allows students to form and organize groups to advocate for their own right to safe, bully-free, non-violent, educational spaces;

WHEREAS, Anti-Bully initiatives like J.A.B.S. are proving to be transformative in combating the childhood traumatic effects of bullying in academic environments, as well as enhancing better outcomes for students;

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo County has resolved to be a leader in trauma informed work and has adopted a Resolution to Build Trauma Informed, Resilient and Healthy Kalamazoo County on April 3, 2018; now, therefore be it

Proclaimed, That the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners recognizes June 2023 to be Justice Against Bullying @ School (J.A.B.S.) Awareness Month from this day forward and encourages all Kalamazoo County residents to recognize and support Justice Against Bullying @ School for strengthening our community and holding on to the promise for everyone, especially the school-aged Youth of Kalamazoo County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Kalamazoo, Michigan to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

Adopted: May 16, 2023

Moved:

Deleeuw

Seconded:

Heppler

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): Deleeuw, Gisler, Heppler, Mazer, Morales, Rey, Strebs, Taylor, Wheeler; No (0): None; Abstains (0): None; Absent (0): None

Carried.

John Taylor, Chair

Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

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I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at the meeting held on May 16, 2023. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto affixed by signature this 17th Day of May 2023.



Meredith Place

County Clerk/Register of Deeds