



Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING JUNE 2024 JUSTICE AGAINST BULLYING @ SCHOOLS (J.A.B.S.) AWARENESS MONTH IN KALAMAZOO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Justice Against Bullying @ School (J.A.B.S.) has served nearly 800 youth impacted by bullying in Kalamazoo County since 2016;

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

WHEREAS, the J.A.B.S. initiative was recognized by the Governor on its 5th anniversary and presented with a certificate of recognition;

WHEREAS, J.A.B.S. employs and trains youth impacted by bullying and gun violence through the J.A.B.S. Event Factory;

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 2024 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 21st day of May, 2024.


Adopted May 21, 2024

Moved Morales

Seconded Heppler

Carried


Roll Call Vote: Yes (8): Dale DeLeeuw, John Grisler, Jeff Heppler, Wendy Mazer, Monteze Morales, Tami Rey, Jen Strebs, John Taylor; No (0): None; Abstains (0): None; Absent (1): Wheeler


Tami Rey, Chair
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

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 21, 2024. 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 22 Day of May, 2024.


Meredith Place
County Clerk/Register of Deeds



Approved as to form for
KALAMAZOO COUNTY
COHL, STOKER & TOSKEY, P.C.
By: Timothy M. Perrone
Date: May 8, 2024