KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance…

Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing June 2022 as Justice Against Bullying @ School (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; and,

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; and,

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; and,

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; and,

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.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners recognize June 2022 to be Justice Against Bullying @ School (J.A.B.S.) Awareness Month from this day forward, and encourage 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.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Meredith Place, County Clerk/Register, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Proclamation adopted by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on May 17, 2022.

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Meredith Place
County Clerk/Register of Deeds