

116TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 651

Supporting the designation of October 2019 as “National Bullying Prevention Month” and October 23, 2019, as “Unity Day”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 22, 2019

Mr. EMMER (for himself, Mr. HIMES, and Mr. CRENSHAW) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of October 2019 as “National Bullying Prevention Month” and October 23, 2019, as “Unity Day”.

Whereas more than 1 in 5 students report being bullied, and nearly 16 percent of students report being cyberbullied;

Whereas students who experience bullying are at an increased risk for poor school adjustment, sleep difficulties, anxiety, and depression;

Whereas National Bullying Prevention Month was founded in 2006 by the National Bullying Prevention Center of PACER and has been held during the month of October each year since;

Whereas National Bullying Prevention Month is a nationwide campaign that seeks to educate the public about, and raise awareness of, bullying prevention;

Whereas individuals, families, schools, school districts, communities, and many others have hosted thousands of events to spread the message of National Bullying Prevention Month;

Whereas Unity Day was started by the National Bullying Prevention Center in October 2011 and is the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month;

Whereas Unity Day has been held on the third or fourth Wednesday of each October since 2011 and will be recognized in 2019 on October 23;

Whereas the goal of Unity Day is to bring together youth, parents, educators, businesses, and community members across the United States to emphasize—

- (1) a message of uniting for kindness, acceptance, inclusion, and mutual respect;
- (2) that all students deserve to be safe in school, online, and in their communities;
- (3) that there is value in celebrating the differences between people; and
- (4) that compromise and tolerance are important in communication;

Whereas Unity Day has been highlighted on national television shows and in public service announcements, films, and public displays of art and expression; and

Whereas Unity Day is often celebrated by—

- (1) wearing orange, the official color of Unity Day;
- (2) holding student and teacher led discussions at schools;

(3) organizing efforts at community centers; and  
(4) expressing support for Unity Day through art,  
music, dance, and social media: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the designation of “National Bul-  
3       lying Prevention Month”;

4               (2) supports the designation of “Unity Day”;  
5       and

6               (3) acknowledges that the prevention of bullying  
7       of children should be a national priority.

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