

**A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Commerce
Designating the Month of October 2020 as
National Bullying Prevention Month**

WHEREAS, in 2006, PACER's National Center for Bullying Prevention founded the National Bullying Prevention Month campaign in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Bullying Prevention Month campaign is held in October of each year, to unite communities nationwide and raise awareness of bullying prevention through education, training, activities, and support;

WHEREAS, PACER's partners with National PTA, American Federation of Teachers, and National Education Association to provide students, parents and schools with resources to respond to bullying behavior; and

WHEREAS, bullying was historically viewed as a "childhood rite of passage" and believed to "make kids tougher" when in reality, it has devastating effects such as school avoidance, loss of self-esteem, increased anxiety, and depression; and

WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology such as the internet (cyber bullying) and cell phones (sexting); and

WHEREAS, The City of Commerce City Council is concerned about bullying issues affecting the youth of the community and encourages everyone to enhance their knowledge and familiarities of young individuals to promote good citizenship and make the community safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, The Montebello Unified District Schools in the City of Commerce will continue to educate their students on bullying prevention skills and will provide literature. The Library will incorporate bullying prevention to its programming by including bullying prevention messages during story time, post bullying prevention messages on social media, and display an ebook collection on the library's website. Bullying prevention signage will be posted on buses and throughout city facilities to promote awareness in the community; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Commerce City Council does hereby denounce all forms of bullying and join *PACER's National Center for Bullying Prevention*, in proclaiming the month of October 2020 as "National Bullying Prevention Month" and call upon all citizens, schools, parents and the youth to increase their participation in the City's efforts to support awareness of the bullying prevention campaign and help make the community safer and secure.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of October 2020.

Ivan Altamirano, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway, MMC
City Clerk