

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL BULLYING AWARENESS MONTH**  
Nebraska State Board of Education Resolution

WHEREAS, bullying threatens the health and well-being of our students, often increasing school absenteeism and poor academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, and electronic, and can happen in many places on and off school grounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Nebraska students, teachers, and school administrators to be aware of bullying, and to encourage discussion of the problem as a school community; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education adopted in 2003 and has reaffirmed its policy on bullying in order to encourage positive behaviors and to address bullying behaviors; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Nebraska Legislature adopted Legislative Resolution 447 declaring October 2012 as Nebraska Bullying Prevention Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Nebraska State Board of Education joins the Nebraska Legislature in proclaiming the month of October 2012 as Nebraska School Bullying Prevention Month with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in all Nebraska schools during that time.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day September, 2012.

  
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Jim Scheer, President  
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