

## **Nebraska School Bullying Awareness Week State Board of Education Resolution**

*WHEREAS, school bullying has become an increasingly significant problem in the United States and Nebraska; and*

*WHEREAS, almost thirty percent of the youth in the United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully or as a victim; and*

*WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred sixty thousand students in kindergarten through twelfth grade miss school every day due to a fear of being bullied; 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 reaffirmed in 2005 a policy on anti-bullying to encourage positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2006 the Nebraska Legislature adopted Legislative Resolution 420 declaring Nebraska School Bullying Awareness Week.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Nebraska State Board of Education joins the Nebraska Legislature in proclaiming the week of September 25-29, 2006, as Nebraska School Bullying Awareness Week, with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in Nebraska schools during that time.*

*Signed this seventh day of September, 2006*

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Fred Meyer, President, State Board of Education