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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS AS A SAFE HAVEN FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

SPONSOR

Commissioner Foster

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS
AS A SAFE HAVEN FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING**

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners supports our Guilford County School system in providing safe havens for teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, bullying in schools is a pervasive problem that can have negative consequences for the school climate and for the right of students to learn in a safe environment without fear, and one that can have negative lifelong consequences, both for students who bully and for their targets; and

WHEREAS, bullying other children and being the target of bullies are considered risk factors for youth violence by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and other relevant organizations, and bullies whose behavior goes unchallenged risk ending up as violent adults, engaging in domestic violence and child abuse; and

WHEREAS, students and staff should also be reminded that our country abides by the most fundamental right of a democracy: civil debate; allowing citizens to freely express their concerns and beliefs, and discuss important issues in a neutral, impartial environment; and

WHEREAS, our classrooms and schools should serve as safe havens for civil debate and discussion, where students learn the importance of creating a welcoming, inclusive setting that discourages intimidation, violence and infringement upon the rights and beliefs of others; and

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners recognizes their roles as community leaders and the need to uphold and reinforce the core values of diversity, empathy,

equality, innovation and integrity that encourages our students to engage in the democratic process peacefully, with respect and tolerance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Board of Commissioners fully supports Guilford County Schools in its quest to provide the preeminent learning environment for our students, staff and community; where effective civic engagement and collaboration is encouraged and promoted.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the County of Guilford to be affixed, this the 15th day of December 2016.

Jeffrey M. Phillips, Chairman
Guilford County Board of Commissioners