

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2018, Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 10-18

Introduced by Mr. Smith

By the County Council, April 16, 2018

1 RESOLUTION declaring bullying to be a public nuisance in Anne Arundel County
2 and requesting information from the Department of Health as to implementation of a
3 nuisance prevention plan for bullying in the County

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5 WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County has witnessed an increasing number of serious
6 bullying and intimidation incidents throughout the County; and

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8 WHEREAS, the County Council has received testimony from children, parents and
9 alumni regarding incidents of bullying, harassment, and criminal behavior in
10 County public schools as well as in the community; and

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12 WHEREAS, the County Council, as the legislative body for Anne Arundel County,
13 and also the Board of Health for Anne Arundel County, has the authority to declare
14 public nuisances and establish regulations to combat nuisances; and

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16 WHEREAS, the pervasiveness of bullying, both in schools and in the general
17 public, through social media and other technologies as well as in person threats, has
18 risen to a level to be a condition dangerous to human health; and

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20 WHEREAS, the County Council requests that Anne Arundel County Department
21 of Health provide information at the May meeting of the Anne Arundel County
22 Board of Health regarding their bullying prevention and education efforts and steps
23 they will to take to address bullying as a public health nuisance; now, therefore, be
24 it

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26 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, that it hereby*
27 *declares bullying to be a nuisance that is dangerous to the public health of the citizens of*
28 *Anne Arundel County and requests that the Health Officer provides information on the*
29 *implementation of a nuisance prevention plan for bullying in the County; and be it further*
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31 *Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Frances B. Phillips, R.N., M.H.A.,*
32 *Acting Health Officer.*

READ AND PASSED this 7th day of May, 2018

By Order:



JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 10-18 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Peroutka", is written over the printed name and title.

Michael A. Peroutka
Chairman