



# *City of Salisbury*

*North Carolina*

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, such as the Internet and cell phones; and

**WHEREAS**, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of children and adolescents are affected by bullying each year; and

**WHEREAS**, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

**WHEREAS**, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Karen K. Alexander, Mayor of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of October 2022 as

## **NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH**

in Salisbury, and urge citizens to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.

This the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.



Karen K. Alexander, Mayor