

**ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ELK GROVE, CA**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 23 2013-2014**

**WHEREAS**, the Elk Grove Unified School District supports the rights of students and staff to attend schools that are safe and free from violence, harassment, bullying and discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a safe school environment that ensures both the physical and emotional safety of students and staff, creates the conditions necessary to foster academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying, harassment, discrimination, and violence, and even the fear of harm, can create barriers to learning and contribute to low self-esteem, depression, anger, and, in extreme cases, school violence or suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, a safe school is one where teaching and learning are not distracted; disruptions are minimized; drugs, violence, bullying, and fear are not present; students are not discriminated against; expectations for behavior are clearly communicated; and consequences for infractions are consistently and fairly applied; and

**WHEREAS**, school districts and county offices of education have a responsibility to ensure a safe school environment that is free of intimidation and harassment; and

**WHEREAS**, the most effective approach to creating safe school environments requires a comprehensive, coordinated effort including school-wide, district-wide, and community-wide strategies where all institutions, organizations, and individuals must accept responsibility for their critical roles and collaborate to establish a positive environment for teaching and learning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Month of October is National Bullying Prevention Month, which is a campaign in response to the need to raise awareness of bullying that provides schools and communities with an opportunity to educate students, parents, and others about their role in bullying prevention;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of the Elk Grove Unified School District hereby supports the goals of National Bullying Prevention Month and will work with a broad spectrum of local community stakeholders, parents, students, teachers, and staff to develop, implement, and monitor policies and programs that foster and support a positive school climate free from bullying, harassment, discrimination, and violence.