

# Proclamation

## Township of Manalapan Office of the Mayor



WHEREAS, we must safeguard schools and communities for our children, and, through our recognition of the serious issues that face them each day, offer our children an environment that holds promise and security; and

WHEREAS, many organizations, school districts, educators and parents have publicly expressed concern about the bullying of children; and

WHEREAS, each day many children refuse to go to school because they dread the physical and verbal aggression of their peers, and the loneliness that comes from being excluded and made the target of rumors and cyber-bullying; many more students attend schools in a chronic state of anxiety; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious issues and the negative effects of bullying, including the long-term damage it can cause in our youth as well as the risks of adolescent suicide; and

WHEREAS, providing a safe physical and emotional environment is a significant goal and a personal responsibility of each individual; and

WHEREAS, the Kickin' It Kids Antibullying Center embraces and supports children preschool through college; it is designed to provide our youth with the tools and strategies to balance self-confidence, to be accountable for their actions and to positively intervene to help one another; while empowering them to develop into tolerant, healthy and respectful members of society.

NOW, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Mayor Mary Ann Musich, do hereby designate the month of October 2016 as Anti-Bullying Awareness Month in the Township of Manalapan as a symbol of our commitment to the year-round struggle against bullying.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Township of Manalapan to be affixed on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the Year 2016.

  
Mary Ann Musich  
Mayor