



## **Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors** *Supervisor Deanna Alexander, 18th District*

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### **Supervisor Alexander Measure Declares October as Bullying Prevention Month**

MILWAUKEE – A resolution authored by Supervisor Deanna Alexander recognizing October as Bullying Prevention Month advanced through a committee of the County Board today, and will be considered by the County Board of Supervisors next Thursday, September 28.

"By bringing attention to the problem of bullying, we help start the conversations that let victims know they are not alone and connect them with groups and organizations that can help," said Supervisor Alexander.

If adopted by the County Board, the resolution would establish a partnership with the PACER National Bullying Prevention Center, and recognize the 25th of October in 2017, and in each succeeding year, as Unity Day. Unity Day is envisioned as "a day to speak out against harmful actions and treatment of our fellow human beings, and to make special efforts to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion."

Additionally, the resolution calls for promoting Unity Day by wearing the color orange in order to initiate conversations about bullying, and to draw community attention to the problem of bullying.

The resolution would also commit the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors to:

- Stand up for the value of every person, recognizing that love for humankind is not an emotion, but a decision.
- Stand up against unacceptable behavior or treatment of others, and to never be a silent bystander, should any member of the body witness an act of bullying.

The resolution also calls for all Milwaukee County departments and cultural institutions, along with area public and private schools, students, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations, to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all people.

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