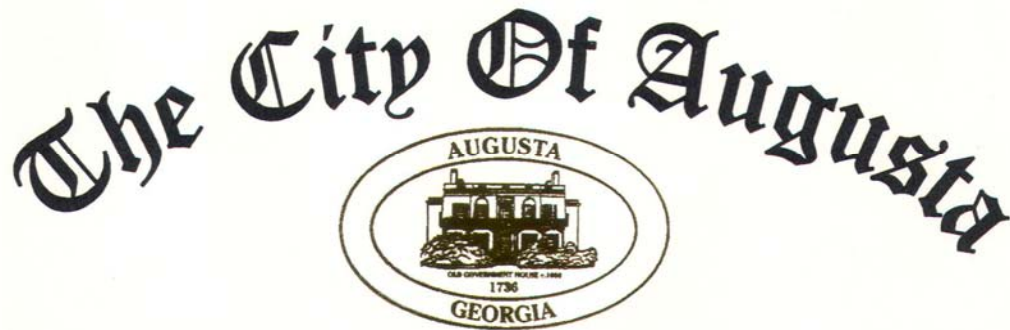


OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of “BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS”

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta recognizes that students should be guaranteed a safe learning environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta recognizes the impact of bullying on students’ health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has legislation that makes bullying in schools a violation of Georgia Law SECTION 1. Subpart 2 of Part 2 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 Code Section 20-2-751.4; and defines bullying as: “any willful attempt or threat to inflict injury on another person...or any intentional display of force such as would give the victim reason to fear or expect immediate bodily harm.”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta has implemented a zero tolerance for bullying in order to ensure that students are educated in a safe and secure environment; and

WHEREAS, bullying is an insidious and pervasive problem in our nation’s schools; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of our schools and our community to bring awareness and prevent incidents of bullying; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deke Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim, February, 2010, as “BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH” in Augusta, Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 1st day of February, 2010.



Given under my hand
This 1st day of February 2010

Deke Copenhaver
Mayor