



HONORABLE MICHAEL P. HEIN
ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Over 5.7 million children nationwide have experienced some kind of bullying; and
- WHEREAS,** About 56 percent of all students have witnessed a bullying crime take place while at school; and
- WHEREAS,** In New York State, approximately 20% of high school students have been bullied on school property and 16% have been electronically bullied; and
- WHEREAS,** Victims of bullying and name-calling commonly do poorly in school and suffer from high rates of absenteeism; and
- WHEREAS,** Bullies themselves demonstrate poor social and emotional adjustment, social isolation, lack of success in school, and involvement in problem behaviors, and are more likely to engage in adult criminal behavior; and
- WHEREAS,** Bullying and name-calling have no place in our schools, as it impedes the learning process for all; and
- WHEREAS,** Ulster County has resources available to students, parents and teachers to address bullying; and
- WHEREAS,** GLSEN's No Name-Calling Week® believes in celebrating kindness while working to create safe schools free of name-calling, bullying, and bias.

NOW, THEREFORE, in association with Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center and the Safe Schools Round Table of the Hudson Valley, I Michael P. Hein, Executive of the County of Ulster, do hereby proclaim **January 16 – January 20, 2017** as

“No Name-Calling Week”

I urge all Ulster County residents to observe this week by learning about the resources available in Ulster County to address bullying.

The County of Ulster

Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive

Date: January 13th, 2017