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WHEREAS, school bullying has become an increasingly significant problem in the United States and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, over twenty percent of the youth in the United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully or as a victim; and

WHEREAS, students who experience bullying are at an increased risk for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, lower academic achievement, and dropping out of school; and

WHEREAS, bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, and most recently in cyberspace, and can happen in many places on and off school grounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Virginia parents, students, teachers, and school administrators to be aware of bullying, and to encourage discussion of the problem as a school community; and

WHEREAS, the Regional School Board has developed policy on anti-bullying to encourage positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors including Policies 0011, 5012, and 8001; and

Now, **THEREFORE**, the Regional School Board recognizes the month of October 2020 as Bullying Prevention Month, with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in the classroom during that time.

Presented this 17th day of September 2020

*Michelle Ogburn, Chair
MLWGS Regional School Board*

*Robert C. Lowerre, Ph.D.
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