

Proclamation

Bullying Awareness Week

November 14 – 20, 2005

WHEREAS, bullying is a universal problem that affects children, youth, individuals, businesses and our communities at large.

Recently, bullying has come under increased scrutiny and the consensus is that it is a probable indicator of serious underlying problems that may give rise to more serious violence-related behaviours.

Many factors, such as mental and emotional problems can give rise to acts of bullying that can have significant grievous and fatal consequences.

The National Bullying Awareness – Toronto Coalition, is dedicated to building a safer Toronto where everyone's right to live in a society free of violence, fear and harassment is protected and preserved.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor David Miller, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **November 14 – 18, 2005** as "**Bullying Awareness Week**" in Toronto and encourage everyone to take a strong stance against a problem that has and continues to have untold consequences.

Mayor David Miller