WHEREAS, our community is composed of people who are all different, yet all live, work, and reside together in our town; and

WHEREAS, many children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually, causing pain and health repercussions that can last for years; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as, going to school, or attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, the presence of bullying or cyberbullying in our community creates an environment that may hold our children back from being all they can be; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that promoting and modeling behaviors of kindness, acceptance of difference, and inclusion creates healthier communities for all people with fewer incidences of bullying; and

WHEREAS, coming together, united in our desire to create a healthier community for all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Clark County Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick proclaims October 21st as Clark County Unity Day; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Clark County schools, students, parents, recreation programs, and community organizations be encouraged to engage in Unity Day, bringing all citizens together to celebrate kindness, acceptance of difference, and inclusion to protect our town from bullying and create a healthier community.

LAWRENCE WEEKLY, Vice-Chair

MICHAEL NAFT, Commissioner

TICK SEDERBLOM, Commissioner

MARIYLN K. KIRKPATRICK, Chair

LYNN MARIS GOTA, County Clerk

ATTEST: