



Proclamation Number 12-76

WORLD DAY OF BULLYING PREVENTION

WHEREAS, STOMP OUT BULLYING™ the leading national anti-bullying and cyber bullying organization for kids and teens in the United States was created in 2005 and has garnered international exposure with its efforts to focus on reducing and preventing bullying, cyber bullying, sexting, and other digital abuse, educating against homophobia, racism and hatred, decreasing school absenteeism, and deterring violence in schools, online and in communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, STOMP OUT BULLYING™ teaches effective solutions on how to respond to all forms of bullying; educates kids and teens in schools and online; provides help for those in need and at risk of suicide; raises awareness through peer mentoring programs in schools; produces public service announcements by noted celebrities; produces social media campaigns, and educates parents on how to keep their children safe and responsible online; and

WHEREAS, BLUE SHIRT DAY™ - WORLD DAY OF BULLYING PREVENTION is an initiative of **STOMP OUT BULLYING™**, is held the first Monday of October annually, and participants are encouraged to wear either a **STOMP OUT BULLYING™** limited edition blue shirt or their own blue shirt to make a statement across the globe that bullying and cyber bullying will no longer be accepted in our schools, our playgrounds, in our communities or online; and

WHEREAS; the Town of Surfside Beach's own **PATRICK KOHLMANN**, is an official teen ambassador of **STOMP OUT BULLYING™**,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas F. Samples, Mayor of the Town of Surfside Beach, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2012 as

BLUE SHIRT DAY™ WORLD DAY OF BULLYING PREVENTION

in the Town of Surfside Beach, and present this Proclamation to Patrick Kohlmann to declare that the Town of Surfside Beach supports the efforts of **STOMP OUT BULLYING™**, and further, I urge all citizens to celebrate **BLUE SHIRT DAY™** and to support **STOMP OUT BULLYING™** efforts to prevent bullying everywhere.

DATED this 25th day of September 2012.

s/
The Hon. Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

(Seal)

Attest: s/
Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk