

**THIS IS A DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED
ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL.**

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING SB179 AND HB306, KNOWN AS “DAVID’S LAW.”

WHEREAS, David Molak, a 16 year old San Antonio sophomore, Eagle Scout, avid Spurs fan, fitness enthusiast, and fisherman, took his own life after being the target of bullying at his school; and

WHEREAS, with the proliferation of social media, bullies have become emboldened in their action to shame victims and, as a result, Texas Senator Jose Menendez introduced SB179 and a Texas Representative Ina Minjarez introduced the companion bill, HB306, known as “David’s Law;” and

WHEREAS, the goal of the legislation is to fight back against student harassment, bullying, and cyberbullying by focusing on prevention and giving those affected a channel for reporting such incidents; and

WHEREAS, in supporting this legislation, San Antonio takes a stand in proclaiming our City an anti-bullying community and, through the passage of this Resolution, aims to boost the efforts in Austin as well as encourage other cities to join together in giving a stronger voice to the victims of bullying; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. City Council supports passage of SB179 and HB306, known as “David’s Law,” aimed at fighting against student harassment, bullying and cyberbullying.

SECTION 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4th day of May, 2017.

M A Y O R
Ivy R. Taylor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney