

## Motion

### **Anti-Bullying Measures**

WHEREAS bullying includes a range of repeated, intentional and hurtful behaviours such as threats, name-calling, physical violence, shunning and excluding, stealing or breaking a person's things, and coercing people to do things they do not want to do;

AND WHEREAS in recent years the use of social media and other information and communication technologies to bully, also known as cyber-bullying, has become increasingly prevalent;

AND WHEREAS people who are subjected to bullying may experience a range of harmful consequences including a loss of self-esteem and confidence, feelings of being unsafe and scared, depression, and physical injury;

AND WHEREAS the effects of bullying may continue to be felt long after the bullying ceases;

AND WHEREAS the Northwest Territories does not have territory-wide public education initiatives, policies or legislation to counter bullying;

AND WHEREAS the Members of this Legislative Assembly wish to denounce all bullying behaviour in our schools and in our society at large;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Sahtu, that this Legislative Assembly strongly recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories establish a territory-wide campaign to denounce bullying, including cyber-bullying, and to provide information and resources for schools, parents, victims and bystanders;

AND FURTHER that the Government review anti-bullying legislative measures being undertaken in other jurisdictions and bring forward a Bill for consideration by this Assembly within 18 months;

AND FURTHERMORE that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this motion within 120 days.



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Date of Introduction:	February 16, 2012	Seconded by:	Mr. Yakeleya
Disposition:	Carried		
Carried:	February 16, 2012	Ruled Out of Order:	