

SENATE RESOLUTION 48

(By Senator Jeffries)

[Introduced April 8, 2025]

1 Designating April 9, 2025, as Cyberbullying Awareness and Prevention Day at the Legislature.

2 Whereas, Cyberbullying has become an alarming issue in our digital age, affecting
3 individuals of all ages, particularly young people, by causing emotional distress, harm to self-
4 esteem, and long-term mental health challenges; and

5 Whereas, The impact of cyberbullying can have severe consequences, including
6 depression, anxiety, social isolation, and even tragic outcomes such as self-harm or suicide; and

7 Whereas, We recognize the importance of creating a safe, inclusive, and respectful online
8 environment for all individuals, regardless of age, gender, race, or background; and

9 Whereas, Education and awareness are essential in preventing cyberbullying, as
10 understanding the signs, consequences, and effective ways to intervene can significantly reduce
11 the occurrence of such behavior; and

12 Whereas, Parents, educators, communities, and technology companies all have a role to
13 play in ensuring that the online spaces we occupy are free from harassment and abuse; and

14 Whereas, Each of us can contribute to the solution by encouraging kindness, empathy, and
15 respect both online and offline, and by standing up against cyberbullying when we witness it;
16 therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Senate:*

18 That the Senate hereby designates April 9, 2025, as Cyberbullying Awareness and
19 Prevention Day at the Legislature; and, be it

20 *Further Resolved*, That we encourage everyone to raise awareness about the serious

1 effects of cyberbullying through educational campaigns, workshops, and community outreach;
2 and, be it
3 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
4 the appropriate representatives of Cyberbullying Awareness and Prevention Day.