



# *Bully Free DC Day*

April 21, 2011

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**WHEREAS**, students, teachers, leaders and community members will gather today to bring awareness regarding ways to combat bullying in the District of Columbia; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying is a problem that is increasingly terrorizing more young people, with approximately one to five teens reporting being bullied at school; and

**WHEREAS**, over 20 organizations have come together with DC Safe Schools Coalition to work together to help create safe schools and spaces for students and families; and

**WHEREAS**, today's activity will increase the public's awareness of this problem and discuss alternatives to help combat this behavior that is adversely affecting our youth:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2011, as "**BULLY FREE DC DAY**" in Washington, DC, and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in increasing public awareness about the growth and ill effects of the behavior we know as bullying that is becoming prevalent among our youth.

Vincent C. Gray  
Mayor, District of Columbia

