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### **Monroe County Executive Brooks' Proposed Action Items to Prevent Bullying in Monroe County**

- 1 – Sign the “Pledge To Prevent Bullying.” This pledge will stand as a declaration in promoting nonviolence by agreeing to contribute to a culture of kindness and to notify parents, teachers, or other authorities of witnessed bullying behavior in person or through the internet.
- 2 – Create a “Network of Care” from all groups and organizations in attendance this evening by working as a support for one another in times of need. This will serve as our area’s most valuable safety net for victims of bullying.
- 3 – Establish a series of monthly, educational forums sponsored by the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau (RMCYB) that will provide practical information about bullying prevention for youth and adults. These forums will also touch on the legal responsibilities pertaining to adults who work with our youth population on a regular basis.
- 4 – The Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau and Monroe County Office of Mental Health will provide peer to peer workshops with an emphasis on bullying prevention and the power of bystanders in order to support those who are targets of bullying.
- 5 – The Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau will offer “Youth Court” training to school districts who wish to participate. Currently operating in Pittsford, Henrietta and Scottsville, Youth Court allows youth who admit to bullying and other negative behaviors to be sanctioned by their peers.
- 6 – Establish a “Bullying Hotline” staffed by trained personnel who will offer guidance and encouragement to those affected by bullying.
- 7 – The Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau will establish the “Walk Against Bullying” on Global Youth Services Day in April to raise community awareness of our bullying prevention efforts.

## **Pledge To Prevent Bullying in Monroe County**

“I pledge to be an active adult community member who vows to help prevent bullying in Monroe County. I pledge to promote a change in culture by living as a model who does not engage in bullying behavior and aide those who are targets of bullying. I will promote a culture of caring and compassion, and be available to youth who seek my support. I will work collaboratively with fellow community members to create a safe environment for all youth and continue to make Monroe County a great place to live, work and raise a family.”

