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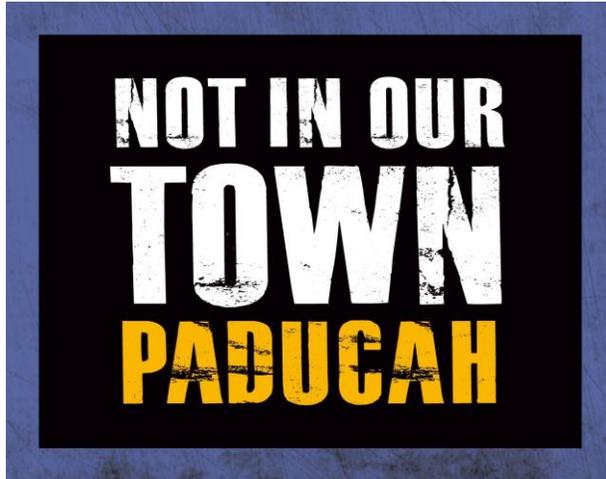
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Announcement of Anti-Bullying Task Force



PADUCAH – On Monday, July 1, Mayor Gayle Kaler will introduce the members of the Paducah Anti-Bullying Task Force. The media and public are invited to attend. The announcement will occur at 11:30 a.m. at the Oscar Cross Boys & Girls Club located at 2956 Park Avenue. In addition to the Mayor, the task force has 20 members.

Mayor Kaler says, “I wanted to create an anti-bullying task force because all people deserve to be treated with

respect. I want people to know that Paducah will not tolerate bullying in our community, and as a community, we want to effect change.”

Susan Guess of the Guess Anti-Bullying Foundation and Bernice Belt, chair of the Human Rights Commission, assisted Mayor Kaler in coordinating the task force. Mayor Kaler says, “I have received so many calls and emails from people who want to serve. We chose these 20 people because of their diverse backgrounds, love for the community, and passion to make a difference.” Mayor Kaler says several committees will be created which will give the people who expressed an interest in serving but who are not on the task force an opportunity to contribute. The task force will study ways to prevent and combat bullying in the area.

On February 26, the Mayor and Commissioners adopted a resolution supporting anti-bullying foundations, initiatives, and programs within the City of Paducah and McCracken County. The joint resolution is signed by the City of Paducah, the McCracken County Fiscal Court, the Paducah Human Rights Commission, and the Guess Anti-Bullying Foundation. The resolution states having civil, peaceful, and safe schools, businesses, and other community environments are necessary for the well-being, health, happiness, and productivity of individuals. The resolution asks that local educational organizations, businesses, and other organizations and agencies work to prevent bullying through education, training, and the implementation of policies and procedures.

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