



*Town of Mansfield
Proclamation in Recognition of October 14 – 20, 2012 as
Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week*

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield has an interest in promoting the social and economic well-being of its citizens, employees and employers; and

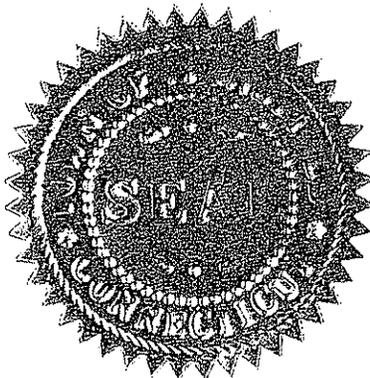
WHEREAS, that well-being depends upon the existence of healthy and productive employees working in safe and abuse-free work environments; and

WHEREAS, research has documented the stress-related health consequences for individuals caused by exposure to abusive work environments; and

WHEREAS, abusive work environments are costly for employers, with consequences including reduced productivity, absenteeism, turnover, absenteeism and injuries; and

WHEREAS, protection from abusive work environments should apply to every worker, and not be limited to legally protected class status based only on race, color, gender, national origin, age, or disability;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor of the Town of Mansfield, do hereby proclaim October 14 – 20, 2012 as *Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week*. On behalf of the Mansfield Town Council, I commend the Workplace Bullying Institute for raising awareness of the impacts of and solutions for workplace bullying in the U.S. and encourage all citizens to recognize this special observance.



Elizabeth C. Paterson
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Mayor, Town of Mansfield
October 9, 2012