

THE NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS  
AND  
THE NEW JERSEY HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

**JOINT RESOLUTION TO STOP HARRASSMENT AND BULLYING AND TO  
SUPPORT A-3466 KNOWN AS “THE ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS”**

RESOLUTION of November 3, 2010

**WHEREAS**, by separate acts of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey the New Jersey Human Relations Council and the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights were created and:

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Human Relations Council’s Mission is to promote “prejudice reduction” education and address the problem of bias and violent acts based on the victim’s race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender or disability and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights is charged under the law with consulting and advising the Attorney General with respect to the work of the Division on Civil Rights, surveying and studying the operations of the Division, and reporting to the Governor and the Legislature with respect to such matters relating to the work of the division and at such times as it may deem in the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Law Against Discrimination was the first state-wide civil rights statute in the nation, and was designed to address discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and contracts, and formed the Division on Civil Rights, and

**WHEREAS**, the recent unspeakable tragedy of the suicide of Rutgers University freshman, Tyler Climenti only serves to underscore the rampant rise of bullying and harassment in this state and in the nation, and

**WHEREAS**, the suffering of those who have been victimized in the past and present serves as a reminder that we must not stand by and allow fellow human beings to suffer at the hands of bullies and harassers,

**THEREFORE**, the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights together with the New Jersey Human Relations Council joins forces in recognizing that we must reach out to those who have suffered, as well as, those who continue to suffer and to the perpetrators through education and with legal remedies as they are available under the law.


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that on this date, November 3rd, 2010, by the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights and the members of the Commission hereby

support the passage of the enhanced bullying legislation (A-3466) known as the “Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights” and urge the enactment of such legislation as soon as possible;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commission believes in equal rights and protection for all citizens, and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Division on Civil Rights shall ensure that a copy of this Resolution is transmitted to the Legislative leadership, Attorney General, and the Governor, and shall have a copy posted on the website of the Division on Civil Rights under the Commission’s link and on the Website of the New Jersey Human Relations Council.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November

  
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Dr. Joan Rivitz, Chairperson  
New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights

  
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Jim Peeler, Chairperson  
New Jersey Human Relations Council