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GEORGIA'S COALITION AGAINST BULLYING CALLS THE COMMUNITY TO UNITE OVER ISSUE OF BULLYING

DeKalb County, GA - July 7, 2009 – Georgia's Coalition Against Bullying plans to canvas DeKalb County with flyers inviting the Atlanta Community to "Youth Speak Out Against Bullying" Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 265 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30303. The objective of the town hall meeting is to allow our youth to share their experiences on bullying and learn how schools and communities can effectively address this issue.

"On April 16, 2009, a young child by the name of Jaheem Herrera committed suicide after returning home from a DeKalb County elementary school where he was a repeated victim of bullying. Jaheem's death was not only a tragedy for the community, but a wake-up call for those who understand the seriousness of bullying and the adverse affect that it can have on our kids. The Coalition simply will not sit quietly and allow this reckless behavior to continue without a fight," says Devin Robinson, President of the Atlanta Chapter of National Action Network.

"Anyone interested in joining the Coalition's effort to raise awareness of this problem and create real change should join us on Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the DeKalb County Courthouse in Decatur." says Devin Robinson. "Jaheem's death and the pain our children are feeling has galvanized us to action and we are calling on the community to join us in the fight for change."

Following are the organizations that form the Georgia's Coalition Against Bullying:

- National Action Network
- Faith and Community Alliance
- Gentle Spirit Church of Atlanta
- Georgia Equality, Inc.
- Going Against the Grain Development Institute
- Georgia State Representative Carolyn Hugley
- Georgia State Representative Alisha T. Morgan
- Cobb Immigrant Alliance of Labor of Love
- New Order National Human Rights Organization
- Motivating People to Action
- My Life Foundation, Inc.

The Flyer Canvas will begin at 10:00 AM throughout DeKalb County and volunteers are asked to meet at the DeKalb County Courthouse, 556 North McDonough Street, Decatur, GA 30030 as the Staging Area to divide up and canvas the County.

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