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Delegate Name – please print

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Florida
Girls State
Anti-Bullying Policy/Contract

Bullying is when one or more people exclude, tease, taunt, gossip, hit, kick, or put down another person with the intent to hurt another. Bullying happens when a person or group of people want to have power over another and use their power to get their way, at the expense of someone else. Bullying can also happen through cyberspace: through the use of e-mails, text messaging, instant messaging and other less direct methods. This type of bullying can also lead to persons being hurt during or after the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State session and be especially hurtful when persons are targeted with meanness and exclusion.

At Department of Florida, ALA Girls State bullying is inexcusable, and we have a firm policy against all types of bullying. Our position on bullying is based on our goal of providing the most outstanding, unique and coveted educational opportunity available to young women.

Unfortunately, bullying may prevent the person being bullied from getting the most out of her ALA Girls State experience. Our leadership addresses all incidents of bullying seriously and trains staff to promote communication between staff and ALA Girls State participants so that staff and participants will feel comfortable alerting leaders to any problems before, during and after the ALA Girls State session. Every person has the right to expect to have the best experience at ALA Girls State, and by working together as a team to identify and manage bullying, we can help ensure that all participants and staff have a great week at Department of Florida ALA Girls State.

All parties involved in any bullying incident (**actively or not**) will be dismissed from Girls State immediately. Transportation home will be provided by parents.

_____ Date _____ Date
Delegate signature Parent signature

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____ date of _____. Personally Known ____

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Notary Public, State of Florida

Address: _____

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