Whistle Blower Policy

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The Henry County Public Library is committed to operating in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and it prohibits unlawful retaliatory practices against its employees by any of its board members, officers, employees, or agents. This policy outlines a procedure for employees to report any actual or suspected violations of law or policy, or any facts or information relative to actual or suspected mismanagement, waste, fraud, abuse of authority, or substantial and specific danger to public health or safety to any public body with apparent authority to remedy or report such actions. This policy applies to any matter which is related to the Library’s business and does not relate to private acts of an individual not connected to the business of the Library.

The Henry County Public Library will not subject any employee to reprisal, either directly or indirectly, for having made a good faith report of suspected wrongdoing of the type set-forth above, either internally to the Board or Director, or externally to any public body with apparent authority to remedy or report such wrongdoing, nor will the Library take any such retaliatory action against any person who supports, aids, or substantiates such an employee in having done so.

In addition, the Henry County Public Library will not, with the intent to retaliate, take any action harmful to any employee who has provided to law enforcement personnel, or a to court, truthful information relating to the possible commission by any of its employees, officers, Board members or other agents, of any wrongdoing of the type set-forth above.

If a Henry County Public Library employee has a reasonable belief that any of the Library’s officers, employees or Board members has engaged in any wrongdoing of the type set-forth above, that employee is encouraged to immediately internally report such information to the Library Director or to the Board of Trustees.

Suspected wrongdoing of the type set-forth above may be internally reported by the employee confidentially or anonymously. Reports of suspected wrongdoing will be kept confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate investigation.

All internal reports of suspected wrongdoing of the type set-forth above will be promptly investigated as appropriate. In conducting its investigations, the Henry County Public Library will strive to keep the identity of the reporting employee(s) as confidential as possible.
The Henry County Public Library may take disciplinary action (up to and including termination) against any employee who has engaged in unlawful retaliatory conduct in violation of this policy.

Adopted by the Henry County Public Library Board of Trustees this 14th day of June, 2012.