

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 5th Anniversary of The Brian Dugan 5K Memorial Scholarship Road Race on May 19, 2016

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 5th Anniversary of The Brian Dugan 5K Memorial Scholarship Road Race held on Thursday, May 19, 2016, in Tonawanda, New York; and

WHEREAS, The mission of The Brian Dugan 5K Memorial Scholarship Road Race is to celebrate the life of Brian C. Dugan, a former Kenmore West English teacher, who tragically lost his life in 2010; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of St. Joseph Collegiate Institute, Brian C. Dugan enjoyed playing football and was a trombonist in the SJCI Jazz Lab Band; it was during his time there and his exposure to a great teacher that he decided teaching would be his career; and

WHEREAS, After graduating in 1991, he went to John Carroll University in Cleveland to pursue a degree in English; here he also played on the football team; student teaching gave him the opportunity to interact and work with inner city kids; and

WHEREAS, Brian C. Dugan later obtained a degree as a Reading Specialist at the University of Buffalo and began teaching English at Kenmore West High School in September of 1995; and

WHEREAS, His sense of humor and unique presentation of course material in everyday terms motivated his students to want to come to class; he genuinely cared about all of his students not only in the classroom but in their lives outside the classroom; to many of his students, he was the teacher they would always remember, a father figure, a role model; and

WHEREAS, Brian C. Dugan had a gentle and patient way with persons with disabilities; he spent time with his brother, Dan, who has special needs and he often attended the Special Olympic Games to cheer for him; and

WHEREAS, He initiated "Men's Night Out" where he would take his sons and brother out to do something special and so Brian easily continued this caring and laid-back interaction with students in the Special Education classes at Kenmore West; and

WHEREAS, Brian C. Dugan was always able to understand and communicate with everyone he met; his sincere interest in the lives and well-being of others and his charismatic personality drew people to him; and

WHEREAS, As a family man, Brian C. Dugan was a loving, devoted and unselfish husband and father; he enjoyed cooking and entertaining friends and family; his world revolved around family; and

WHEREAS, The summer before his death, Brian C. Dugan made a decision to stop coaching modified football so he could spend more time with his family; he wanted to be able to attend and help coach his sons' soccer games; and

WHEREAS, Brian C. Dugan also had signed his sons up for a Fall basketball league, the sport he himself enjoyed immensely, playing with friends and associates; unfortunately, he never got to see his sons play; and

WHEREAS, This annual Tonawanda event works to raise donations for The Brian Dugan Scholarship Fund which assists Kenmore West High School students in fulfilling their dreams of receiving a college education; and

WHEREAS, A vital and active part of the community, Brian C. Dugan is survived by his wife Ann, who supports this auspicious event as a way to carry on the memory of the many contributions he made to the Tonawanda

community; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Brian C. Dugan is survived by their two children, Jackson Thomas and Aidan Daniel Dugan; his parents, Robert and Mary Dugan; one brother Daniel; father and mother-in-law, James and Donna Christmann; his brother-in-law, Daniel (Samantha); and grandmother-in-law, Dorothy; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Brian C. Dugan left behind a legacy of caring six years ago which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when events of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 5th Anniversary of The Brian Dugan 5K Memorial Scholarship Road Race on May 19, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ann Dugan, and The Brian Dugan Scholarship Fund.