

Senate Resolution No. 2563

**BY:** Senator BROOKS

**COMMENDING** Michael J. Dowling upon the occasion of his designation as the 2022 Scott J. Beigel Memorial Fund honoree

**WHEREAS,** From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Michael J. Dowling, President and CEO of Northwell Health, upon the occasion of his designation as the 2022 Scott J. Beigel Memorial Fund honoree, to be celebrated at its 3rd Annual Benefit on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at the Old Westbury Golf and Country Club, Old Westbury, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Scott J. Beigel Memorial Fund is an organization created in response to the tragic loss of Scott J. Beigel, a geography teacher and cross-country coach at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School where 17 innocent people died from gun violence; the fund provides camperships to help send at-risk children touched by gun violence to summer sleep-away camp; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael J. Dowling is one of healthcare's most influential voices, taking a stand on societal issues such as gun violence and immigration, issues which many health system CEOs shy away from; as president and CEO of Northwell Health, he leads a clinical, academic and research enterprise with a workforce of more than 78,000 and annual revenue of \$15 billion; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the luminous direction of Michael J. Dowling, Northwell is the largest healthcare provider and private employer in New York State, caring for more than two million people annually through a vast network of resources and services; his steadfast leadership has been invaluable to Northwell Health's consistent expansion and prominence; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael J. Dowling grew up in County Limerick, Ireland, and often references his hardscrabble experiences and path of immigration as motivation for embracing a more holistic approach which takes into account the socio-economic factors impacting public health; and

**WHEREAS,** As a compassionate voice for the needy and tireless advocate for his patients, Michael J. Dowling led the charge to establish Northwell's Center for Gun Violence Prevention in 2020; to further engage healthcare professionals in identifying ways of curbing the surge in shooting deaths, Northwell created a Gun Violence Learning

Collaborative in 2021 which has brought together more than 400 healthcare professionals nationwide to share ideas and best practices that have proven effective in mitigating gun violence; and

**WHEREAS,** A champion for the underserved, Michael J. Dowling is truly a force for positive change who works tirelessly to identify and develop effective interventions that will save lives in the communities he so ably serves; and

**WHEREAS,** It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Michael J. Dowling, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Michael J. Dowling upon the occasion of his designation as the 2022 Scott J. Beigel Memorial Fund honoree; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael J. Dowling.