

## 2015-J475

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Brianna Smith upon the occasion of being named a 2015 Winning Kid by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York at its 27th Annual Confections in Chocolate Gala

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those young people who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Brianna Smith upon the occasion of being named a 2015 Winning Kid by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York, to be celebrated at its 27th Annual Confections in Chocolate Gala on Saturday, March 7, 2015, at the Glen Sanders Mansion, Scotia, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York works diligently to ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences and to prevent, control and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy and research; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy affects two percent of the population, and approximately one in fifty children; and

WHEREAS, Each year the Epilepsy Foundation selects children to represent all children with epilepsy in Northeastern New York; "Winning Kids" symbolizes the spirit and courage that all children with epilepsy display in dealing with their seizures; Brianna Smith was chosen because she understands her seizures but does not let them stop her from having fun; and

WHEREAS, A 7th grader at Lisha Kill Middle School in Albany, New York, Brianna Smith enjoys bowling, participating in the Drama Club, and making friends; her favorite food is pizza, and she loves the colors

pink and purple; in school, her favorite subject is English, and when she shops, her preferred store is Justice; and

WHEREAS, In honor of Epilepsy Awareness Month last November, Brianna Smith dyed her hair purple; she also created and distributed a tri-fold with information about epilepsy to her 4-H group; in addition, she participated in the Saratoga Stroll for Epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, As residents of Northeastern New York face the physical, emotional and social uncertainties of epilepsy every day, the Epilepsy Foundation is there to help them become happy, self-confident, productive adults, by offering them, as well as their friends, families and caregivers a variety of programs; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her proud parents, David Martin and Amber Smith, and her two sisters, Kristina Raby and Emma Martin, and one brother, David Martin, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding role model, Brianna Smith has brought honor to her family, school and community and may stand with pride in her accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize Brianna Smith as a Winning Kid, and to wish her well in all her future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Brianna Smith upon the occasion of being named a 2015 Winning Kid by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York at its 27th Annual Confections in Chocolate Gala; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brianna Smith.