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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Grand Island Relay For Life upon the occasion of its Annual Kickoff Ceremony on May 30-31, 2015, and paying tribute to this year's honorary survivor Luke Gworek

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would 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 the Grand Island Relay For Life upon the occasion of its Annual Kickoff Ceremony on May 30-31, 2015, in conjunction with the 30th Anniversary of Relay for Life; and

WHEREAS, This year the Grand Island Relay For Life will be paying special tribute to the 2015 honorary survivor Luke Gworek; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Grand Island Relay For Life brings together the entire community to take part in the fight against cancer, and to raise awareness and funds for fighting leukemia; the 2015 theme is "One World. One Hope...Imagine Our World with a Cure," a time of celebration, remembrance and hope; and

WHEREAS, Relay For Life can be a life-changing experience, an event which each year, nationally, brings together more than 3.5 million people to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and empower individuals and communities to fight back against a disease which takes too much from too many; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 honorary survivor 8-year-old Luke Gworek, the son of Danielle Gworek, was diagnosed with leukemia just over one year ago; since then, he has overcome many serious adversities, and credits the

support from his family, friends, and community, as well as the doctors who dedicate their careers to research and helping children; and WHEREAS, Relay For Life was established in 1985, and this year will celebrate 30 years strong; now in its 13th year, the Grand Island Relay for Life is hoping to break the \$1.5 million for funds raised in its lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Much more than a walk around a track, Relay For Life is a community-affirming event; it is a time to remember those lost to cancer, an occasion for people to comfort and console one another, and a night to celebrate those who have survived; and

WHEREAS, Participation in the Relay For Life, in addition, gives individuals and organizations the power to help accelerate the advancement toward a future where cancer does not take the lives of friends and family; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and commend the Grand Island Relay For Life upon the occasion of its Annual Kickoff Ceremony on May 30-31, 2015, and paying tribute to this year's honorary survivor Luke Gworek; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Grand Island Relay For Life, and Luke Gworek.