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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael Thomas Frawley upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring, concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, remaining calm under pressure, in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of human life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding; this Legislative Body is proud to honor an individual who would serve to protect it, lauding particularly one who would clearly endanger his own life and safety on behalf of that cause; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael Thomas Frawley upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Carnegie Medal is presented by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission in recognition of civilian heroes who risk their lives to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Michael Thomas Frawley is being honored for his courageous actions in saving the life of a 9-year old from drowning; and

WHEREAS, On the afternoon of November 23, 2014, a father and son were on an outing at a municipal park when the young boy fell into a deep pool of water at the base of Roaring Brook waterfall; his father jumped in to save him, but struggled in the currents and unfortunately lost his life in the water; and

WHEREAS, Michael Thomas Frawley, along with a friend, witnessed what had happened and without hesitation or concern for their own safety, jumped into the treacherous waters and rescued the distressed child; and

WHEREAS, Upon reaching land, Michael Thomas Frawley and his friend were assisted by hikers and first responders who ultimately brought them to the top of the gorge where they were transported to the hospital for treatment; and

WHEREAS, Michael Thomas Frawley should be meritoriously commended for remaining calm under pressure and for showing valor and true courage while performing a lifesaving deed; and

WHEREAS, Through his spontaneous and heroic actions, Michael Thomas Frawley demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without the thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michael Thomas Frawley upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Thomas Frawley.