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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Corey McGowan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award for Business Development by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce on April 28, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Corey McGowan has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Corey McGowan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award for Business Development by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 28, 2016, at Byblos Niagara Resort and Spa in Grand Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Citizen of the Year Award is presented annually to businesses and individuals whose contributions have made Grand Island, New York, a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Grand Island, Corey McGowan graduated from Huth Road Elementary School, Veronica E. Connor Middle School and Grand Island High School; at the young age of 11, he became involved in community projects when he spearheaded a neighborhood petition drive to build bridges over tiny creeks that prevented him from being able to ride his bicycle to Veterans Park in Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, From 2006-2008, Corey McGowan served as Grand Island Youth Ambassador to the Chamber of Commerce where he implemented a High School Battle of the Bands competition into the popular annual Kid Biz event at

the Town Commons; and

WHEREAS, As a business major at The State University College at Buffalo, Corey McGowan worked at the Keller Insurance Group in Niagara Falls, New York, where he learned the business through hands-on experience in the field; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating in 2012, Corey McGowan joined Citigroup as a pricing analyst, feeding traders daily stock price variances, and working with individuals in New York City, London, Belfast and Singapore; after 18 months, he returned to Grand Island for a position as Events Director for Byblos Niagara Resort & Spa; and

WHEREAS, While working for both companies, Corey McGowan remained active in his hometown by starting the Grand Island Mural program in the summer of 2012; the project was completed through funds from the first Taste of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, After working for many years as both a promoter and entrepreneur, Corey McGowan formed his own company entitled Corey McGowan Productions; beginning this year, the business will fund an annual business scholarship for a graduating Grand Island High School senior pursuing a four-year business degree; and

WHEREAS, Passion for his hometown prompted Corey McGowan to bring the popular Gus Macker 3-on-3 Outdoor Basketball Tournament to Grand Island in 2015; the Tournament will return to Grand Island Boulevard this year, and the Tournament Festival will take place at the Town Commons on June 4th and 5th; and

WHEREAS, Corey McGowan has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he has been recognized for his generosity and promotion of community events; and

WHEREAS, On weekend nights during the summer, one will find Corey McGowan at the Town Commons in the heart of Grand Island hosting a Friday night concert and a free outdoor family movie on Saturday even-

ing; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Corey McGowan has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Corey McGowan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award for Business Development by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Corey McGowan.