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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Michael Gruenthal upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Flame of Hope Award by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this 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 organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Michael Gruenthal upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Flame of Hope Award by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York to be celebrated at its 27th Annual Confections in Chocolate Gala on Saturday, March 7, 2015; 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, As residents of Northeastern New York face the physical, emotional and social uncertainties of epilepsy every day, the Epilepsy Foundation is there to help those afflicted become happy, self-confident, productive adults, by offering them, as well as their friends, families and caregivers, a variety of programs; and

WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York proudly recognizes those who have made significant contributions to increasing awareness of epilepsy and in support of the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York's efforts with its Flame of Hope Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael Gruenthal is Professor and Chair of Neurology at

Albany Medical College and Director of the Neurosciences Institute at Albany Medical Center; he is a nationally renowned expert in treating the most complex cases of epilepsy and truly merits this high honor; and WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of North Carolina Medical School, Dr. Michael Gruenthal served as an Associate Professor of Neurology, Program Director of the Neurology Residency Training Program and Chair of Neurology at the University of Louisville prior to joining Albany Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man is currently Co-Chair of the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York's Professional Advisory Board and often serves as a spokesperson for the Foundation on medical issues; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Michael Gruenthal is a member of the National Epilepsy Foundation's Professional Advisory Board and generously donates his time and talents in support of issues important to the epilepsy community in New York State and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades during his outstanding career, Dr. Michael Gruenthal was recognized with the 2008 Excellence in Service Award also by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York for his support of the organization as a researcher, author, physician, advocate, teacher, mentor and leader; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize Dr. Michael Gruenthal for his unwavering commitment to the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Michael Gruenthal upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Flame of Hope Award by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Michael Gruenthal.