

## 2015-J607

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Goodyear Lake Polar Bear Jump upon the occasion of celebrating its 20th Annual Jump in support of children, individuals, and organizations in need on February 21, 2015

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, individuals, and events which 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 Goodyear Lake Polar Bear Jump upon the occasion of celebrating its 20th Annual Jump in support of children, individuals, and organizations in need on Saturday, February 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Goodyear Lake Polar Bear Jump was organized in 1996 by Jamie and Brenda Waters; 11 brave souls jumped into the freezing waters of Goodyear Lake outside of Portlandville, New York, in an effort to raise funds for families facing health crises; and

WHEREAS, Each year the event's popularity grows, and this year, more than 400 jumpers dressed as superheroes are expected to take the frigid annual plunge; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its 20-year history, proceeds from the Goodyear Lake Polar Bear Jump have been donated to numerous worthy organizations including the Catskill Area Hospice, the Milford Fire Department, and the Portlandville Methodist Church, as well as approximately 60 beneficiaries; this year's event will benefit 10 children as well as 10 community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Along with the jump, a Chinese auction was held at the Milford Central School, and a penny challenge will be initiated at

surrounding schools; these efforts are a great way to raise awareness amongst children who are too young to jump; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to applaud all those who will enjoy a quick and invigorating jump and the hundreds of onlookers and cheerleaders for their enthusiasm, participation and generosity which will benefit so many area children and worthy organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Goodyear Lake Polar Bear Jump upon the occasion of celebrating its 20th Annual Jump in support of children, individuals, and organizations in need on February 21, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jamie and Brenda Waters, Goodyear Lake Polar Bear Jump.