

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR LORIGO & DIXON

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Re: Lukey's Legacy - Recognizing November 16, 2014, as Myocarditis Awareness Day

WHEREAS, Luke Gould passed away at only 10 years of age on November 16, 2011, from complications involved with the heart condition Myocarditis; and

WHEREAS, Luke's mother, Amy Skowronski, and stepfather, Joseph, are tireless advocates, promoting the sharing of information about this deadly condition with the public, including pushing for Myocarditis Awareness Day to be marked by the State of New York and County of Erie; and

WHEREAS, Myocarditis is a rare heart condition that has no detectable warning signs and is a leading cause of sudden death in young adults, infants and toddlers; and

WHEREAS, this condition can be triggered by a variety of causes that affect the heart muscle including viral, bacterial, or parasitic infections, which lead to damage of the tissues of the heart; and

WHEREAS, often treatment for the condition is possible depending on the method in which it was contracted and early detection; and

WHEREAS, an EKG screening performed by a qualified medical professional can be used, in some cases, to detect the presence of Myocarditis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby recognizes November 16, 2014 as Myocarditis Awareness Day in memory of Luke Gould and to raise awareness, with the hope that many lives will be saved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body calls on the Department of Health to work together with the Legislature and the Skowronski's to provide EKG screenings for children to detect the presence of Myocarditis on November 16; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Commissioner Burstein, County Executive Poloncarz, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None