

# STATE OF NEW YORK

## LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2014, A.D.

***I HEREBY CERTIFY*** that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

***WHEREAS***, the Buffalo region is called, "The City of Good Neighbors," and its residents are known to have big hearts and helping hands, and;

***WHEREAS***, when one of our own is struggling, we step forward to help in any way we can, proven once again through the Blue4Ben effort, and;

***WHEREAS***, Clarence resident, Ben Sauer, the namesake of Blue4Ben, is currently fighting for his life, battling an aggressive form of cancer, and;

***WHEREAS***, Ben's mother, Mindy, blogs about this trying time in her family's life, drawing an amazing response from around the world through her brilliant, honest, and heartfelt writing, and;

***WHEREAS***, Ben's story has launched a large community effort of support, marked by groups wearing blue to support Ben and his fight, and;

***WHEREAS***, The color blue has been an important symbol for the Sauer family as Ben, an identical twin who is one minute younger than his brother, Jack, was dressed in blue to differentiate between the two, and;

***WHEREAS***, Blue4Ben has gone far beyond the needs of one family, inspiring a community to donate to cancer research and treatment through Roswell Park Cancer Institute, while raising awareness about helping others in need through various efforts, and;

***WHEREAS***, Erie County came together on Thursday, March 13, 2014 and thousands of employees wore blue to show their support for this brave young man and his family, and;

***WHEREAS***, the Erie County Legislature joins the greater Western New York community in going "Blue 4 Ben," and sending its thoughts and prayers to the Sauer family: dad, Andy; mother, Mindy; brothers, Ben and Jack; and sister, Megan.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that this legislative body pauses in its deliberations to honor Ben Sauer, a brave young man who has inspired a community to believe in the possibility of miracles, and to wish him strength as he continues to fight.