

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., MAY 12TH, 2016, 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 12th day of May 2016, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, The Butterfly Foundation was founded by Jeff and Ellen Durkin, parents of the late Katie Durkin, who's short but impactful life tragically ended on July 7, 2015 in a head on collision, and;

WHEREAS, The Butterfly Foundation memorializes Katie Durkin, whose nine energetic years on this earth were indelibly marked by immeasurable love, kindness and thoughtfulness, and;

WHEREAS, The Butterfly Foundation features Katie's hand-drawn butterfly artwork, the imagery symbolizes a life that undergoes a swift and magical transformation while becoming a subject of beauty and inspiration for many, and;

WHEREAS, The Butterfly Foundation is a non-profit organization that works to ignite a movement encouraging people to be kind and thoughtful in everything, and;

WHEREAS, The Butterfly Foundation mission is to advance character development and teamwork among youth of all abilities through athletics, recreation and education, and;

WHEREAS, The Butterfly Foundation first project was the creation of the Butterfly Athletic Park at Wales Primary School, and;

WHEREAS, The Butterfly Foundation, through the collaboration with the Wales Primary PTO and the community, raised more than \$375,000 for the park, and;

WHEREAS, The Butterfly Foundation started work on the athletic park on April 30, 2016, including a U-10 soccer field, three-lane running track, basketball court, pavilion, and new playground designed for youth with special needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislative body pauses in its deliberations to honor The Butterfly Foundation on the successful completion of its first project, the Butterfly Athletic Park playground, which provides a tribute to Katie with a lasting location for youth to play, socialize, exercise and enjoy the outdoors for many years to come.

Joseph C. Lorigo
Majority Leader
10th District Legislator

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Legislature