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LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., NOVEMBER 4, 2021 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 4th day of November, 2021 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

Celebrating Victory Sports on Their Ribbon Cutting

WHEREAS, philanthropic organizations are responsible for enhancing the quality of life of people; and

WHEREAS, philanthropy is a uniquely American tradition and our American nonprofit sector is the model for countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, voluntary associations formed to address societal needs are an integral part of American society; and

WHEREAS, the history of American philanthropy is filled with the names of the earliest Americans, and their efforts spawned universities, free public libraries, and volunteer fire departments to name a few; and

WHEREAS, studies show students who participate in sports achieve better grades, increased attendance rates and higher test scores;

WHEREAS, motivated by his family's love of sports Doug Rifenburg founded **Victory Sports Global Outreach, Inc.** in order to supply sporting equipment to less fortunate kids who otherwise couldn't afford to participate;

WHEREAS, as a parent of two active children, Doug Rifenburg knows the great benefits playing sports brings to them but also the great expense of replacing equipment each year which led him to start **Victory Sports**;

WHEREAS, in the year 2020 alone, **Victory Sports** distributed over 19,000 sports and play items, 2,600 play packs, impacted over 14,000 kids and served 8 countries.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize **Victory Sports** and thank them for the great work they continue to do in our community and worldwide.

CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE
Erie County Legislator, District 6