

## 2013-J712

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 15th Anniversary Dinner of the Brian Ahearn Children's Fund, November 23, 2013

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 and individuals that are devoted 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 commemorate the 15th Anniversary Dinner of the Brian Ahearn Children's Fund; this auspicious event will be celebrated on Saturday, November 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Brian Ahearn Children's Fund was founded in 1998 in memory of Brian, a 13-year old Warwick, New York, boy who succumbed to brain cancer that year; and

WHEREAS, The primary mission of the Brian Ahearn Children's Fund is to assist needy children, or families with children in need, whose primary residence is within Orange, Ulster or Sullivan counties; and

WHEREAS, Children or families eligible for assistance from the Brian Ahearn Children's Fund include seriously ill or disabled children; orphaned children or children affected by the death of a guardian serving as the family's main source of income; and homeless children or children who have been seriously affected by fire or other natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, The secondary objective of the Brian Ahearn Children's Fund is to provide donations for two scholarships annually for college-bound students of the Warwick Valley Central School District; these students must have demonstrated considerable achievement in the face of adversity, or have shown extreme courage or athletic achievement; and

WHEREAS, In its 14 plus years of providing financial assistance to families with seriously ill children in the mid-Hudson Valley of New York, the Brian Ahearn Children's Fund has provided significant funds to more than 450 families; and

WHEREAS, In addition, since 1999 the Brian Ahearn Children's Fund has awarded 55 scholarships to college-bound graduating seniors from the Warwick area who have overcome adversity or profound hardship; and  
WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Brian Ahearn Children's Fund; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to organizations such as the Brian Ahearn Children's Fund, which serve to bring people together for the united purpose of actively pursuing improvements in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 15th Anniversary Dinner of the Brian Ahearn Children's Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brian Ahearn Children's Fund.