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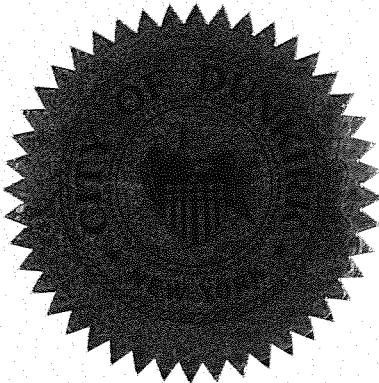
**PROCLAMATION**

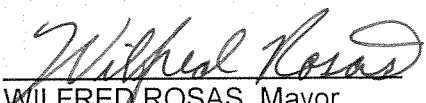
- WHEREAS,** Laurel Run was established in 1997 by Chautauqua County couple, Wayne and Elaine Hotelling of Silver Creek, in honor of their oldest daughter, Laurel, who has Down syndrome, and other persons with disabilities who are served by The Resource Center; and
- WHEREAS,** this year Laurel Run is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and
- WHEREAS,** Laurel Run's main goals are to increase public awareness and to celebrate the achievements of people with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** money raised through Laurel Run goes to Filling the Gap, Inc., which works with The Resource Center and TRC Foundation to improve the lives of people with disabilities and their families in Chautauqua County; and
- WHEREAS,** the residents and business owners of Chautauqua County have supported The Resource Center and individuals with disabilities by welcoming them into the community and providing employment for disabled persons;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Wilfred Rosas, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Dunkirk, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 15, and Saturday, July 16, 2016 as

**"LAUREL RUN WEEKEND"**

in our community, urging all citizens to become more enlightened about individuals with disabilities and to come together to demonstrate its support for people with disabilities and The Resource Center's ongoing efforts to reduce the occurrence of disabilities in Chautauqua County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the Seal of the  
City of Dunkirk, New York  
to be affixed to this  
document this 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
July in the year 2016.



  
WILFRED ROSAS, Mayor