

RESOLUTION No. 2019-

**RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE  
COMMUNITY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - ESSAY CONTEST 2019**

BY:

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**WHEREAS**, each year, the Community Memorial Day Parade committee hosts an essay contest open to all 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at Niagara Falls High School; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of these essays was to encourage students to consider the sacrifices made by those who gave all in protecting and serving our country in the military; and

**WHEREAS**, high school students were invited to write a two-hundred and fifty word essay based on the theme “What Freedom Means in 2019” while middle school students were invited to write based on the theme “What Memorial Day Means to Me”; and

**WHEREAS**, over 60 students from both schools submitted outstanding essays that were judged by a panel from the Niagara Gazette, based on specific criteria including originality and understanding of the theme; and

**WHEREAS**, Brianna Morales, a ninth-grade student at Niagara Falls High School was determined by judges to be the essay contest’s first place winner for her outstanding entry; and

**WHEREAS**, Angelina Bidak, an ninth-grade student at Niagara Falls High School was determined by the judges to be the essay contest’s second place winner for her insightful entry; and

**WHEREAS**, Ny-Asia Rafter, a ninth-grade student at Niagara Falls High School was determined by judges to be the essay contest’s third place winner for her impressive entry; and

**WHEREAS**, Braiden Jaroszewski, a sixth-grade student at Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls was determined by judges to be the Junior High essay contest’s first place winner for his heartfelt entry that reflected his family’s military service and sacrifice; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York does hereby congratulate, Brianna Morales, Angelina Bidak, Ny-Asia Rafter, and Braiden Jaroszewski on their award-winning entries. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors, and thank all of the students who participated.

**Kennedy \_\_\_\_\_ Scott \_\_\_\_\_ Tompkins \_\_\_\_\_ Voccio \_\_\_\_\_ Touma \_\_\_\_\_**