

**RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE BRANDON PEARSON AND
THE ENTIRE NOTTINGHAM JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM**

WHEREAS, Brandon Pearson a 16-year-old Nottingham High School student with Down syndrome, who did not let this life challenge define him or stop him from playing for the Bulldogs 2018 Junior Varsity football team; and

WHEREAS, Nottingham coaches in the fall of 2018 encouraged Brandon to join team workouts which over time led Brandon to become a full fledge Junior Varsity football team member; and

WHEREAS, Brandon not only received encouragement and acceptance from the coaches but also from the rest of the team who fully embraced him as their new teammate and made him feel welcomed and comfortable; and

WHEREAS, with the unwavering guidance and support of his teammates and coaches, along with his hard work, passion, dedication, and perseverance Brandon was able to learn everything he needed to know in order to suit-up and see real playing time as a Bulldog; and

WHEREAS, Brandon has found a true sense of self within the JV football team from their love and acceptance and will now move forward with courage, confidence and his bright smile into the future alongside his fantastic teammates.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Syracuse Common Council, as duly elected representatives of the proud citizens of the City of Syracuse, hereby recognize the achievements of Brandon Pearson and applaud the Nottingham Junior Varsity Football program for embracing the values of acceptance and inclusion, representing the Syracuse City School District with pride and the utmost integrity.



**ADOPTED: BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF
THE SYRACUSE COMMON COUNCIL**

**HON. HELEN HUDSON, PRESIDENT
SYRACUSE COMMON COUNCIL**