

**RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE  
COMMUNITY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - ESSAY CONTEST 2018**

BY:

Niagara Falls City Council

**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 Niagara Catholic 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 2018” while middle school students were invited to write based on the theme “What Memorial Day Means to Me”; and

**WHEREAS**, over 80 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**, Adriana Torcasio, a ninth-grade student at Niagara Falls High School was determined by judges to be the essay contest’s first place winner for her heartfelt entry that reflected her family’s military service and sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert S. Goldman III, an eleventh-grade student at Niagara Falls High School was determined by the judges to be the essay contest’s second place winner for his insightful entry; and

**WHEREAS**, Haley Snyder, a twelfth-grade student at Niagara Catholic was determined by judges to be the essay contest’s third place winner for her impressive entry; and

**WHEREAS**, Alyssa Davis, a seventh-grade student at LaSalle Preparatory School was determined by judges to be the Junior High essay contest’s first place winner for her thoughtful entry; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York does hereby congratulate Adriana Torcasio, Robert S. Goldman III, Haley Snyder, and Alyssa Davis on their award-winning entries. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors, and thank all of the students who participated.

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**Councilman William Kennedy**

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*Niagara Falls City Council  
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