

16 year old Lucas Culotta is a remarkable young man and athlete, to say the very least. He has defied all the barriers he has encountered in his life and is a pinnacle of determination. He has excelled against all odds; and

WHEREAS: He was born three months premature, which by itself is a major concern, but add to that, he has had to deal with spastic paraplegia, cerebral palsy, congenital scoliosis and a leg length discrepancy; and

WHEREAS: His passion is definitely dedicated to the art of swimming. In many ways it is an art. Lucas has rewritten record books in adaptive sports. His commitment, since a young age, to training, perseverance and sheer willpower has left his peers with no physical challenges in awe of him; and

WHEREAS: Lucas has set many national youth records that still stand. He competed at the Citi Para Swimming World Series USA at Indianapolis in April and he placed first at the Ohio School States in the 100 free and 50 back events; and

WHEREAS: He is now a member of the U.S. Para Swimming National Team and looking forward to competing at the 2024 U.S. Paralympic Time Trials. He has accomplished all this at such a young age but still finds time to be a lifeguard and teach lessons at the Brecksville Community Center. It's a very safe assumption that his parents, Tricia and Gus Culotta are extremely proud of their son.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Daryl J. Kingston, Mayor of the City of Brecksville, do hereby call upon the residents of Brecksville to honor our home town para swimmer, Lucas Culotta. On behalf of the Administration and City Council of the City of Brecksville we salute him as a beacon of inspiration for all young people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Mayor of the City of Brecksville on this 7th day of May, 2024.

Daryl J. Kingston, Mayor