



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Graigory and Lyndsey Pollard

March 7, 2009

- WHEREAS:** Graigory was a healthy 6 pounds, 12 ounces when he was born on February 17, 2007. In May 2007, the Pollards happily learned they would be having a second baby. In August 2007, the Pollards learned there was a 62 percent chance the new baby, Lyndsey, had Down syndrome, and
- WHEREAS:** In November 2007, the Pollards learned that Graigory had a children's cancerous tumor called a neuroblastoma. During a week-long hospital visit, Graigory had the tumor removed and underwent a battery of tests. With no evidence of the cancer remaining, Graigory was sent home, and
- WHEREAS:** Another test then confirmed the Pollards's unborn baby had a hole in her heart. By January 2008, they learned Lindsey's umbilical cord was kinked; she wasn't getting proper nutrition; and there was an excess of amniotic fluid. They doctor decided it was time to take the baby early, and
- WHEREAS:** Lyndsey was born on January 11, 2008 while her brother, Graigory had his first post-surgery MRI. She weighed 5 lbs, 9 ounces. A cardiologist determined Lyndsey she had not one, but two holes in her heart. Further testing also diagnosed her with Down syndrome, and
- WHEREAS:** Lyndsey came home after 12 days in Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit. In May 2008, doctors operated to replace the holes in her heart. Lyndsey, who is now much more alert and aware of her surroundings, has since been diagnosed with a naval hernia, an anal cyst and eczema, and
- WHEREAS:** Lyndsey's medical treatment includes visit to a cardiologist, and weekly early intervention therapy. Graigory still has routine check-ups consisting of a sedated MRI, blood work, and visits to an oncologist to ensure his cancer does not return, and
- WHEREAS:** Middletown Elks No. 2179 is holding their annual charity ball on March 7, 2009 to enable the Handicapped Committee to continue their vital work assisting and supporting special children like Graigory and Lyndsey Pollard, and
- WHEREAS:** The Middletown Township Committee wishes to join the members of Middletown Elks Lodge No. 2179, in honoring Graigory and Lyndsey for their strength and their bravery. Now
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill, and the Middletown Township Committee do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 7, 2009 as Graigory and Lyndsey Pollard Day in the Township of Middletown. We are very proud of you!

Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill