



RESOLUTION

EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL SMITH, ROLAND SPRAGUE, MISSY PRAIRIE, TIM BRODERICK, AND JEFF SOUSA FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE 2006 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Six

RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that

Congratulations from Mayor Bernard A. Streeter and the Board of Aldermen are hereby extended to Michael Smith, Roland Sprague, Missy Prairie, Tim Broderick, and Jeff Sousa for participating in the 2006 Special Olympics World Games. The games will be held in Ames, Iowa in July, 2006.

Michael Smith

Michael Smith was born and raised in Nashua. He attended and graduated from the former Mount Hope School on Arlington Street. Michael has been employed in the Coffee Shop at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center for several years. He has attended the PLUS Company Adult Literacy Program at Rivier College since its inception eight years ago. He participates in Special Olympics candlepin bowling, basketball, softball, soccer, and track and field. He has older twin brothers who are also Special Olympics athletes. Michael will represent NH in basketball at the National Games in Ames, Iowa, in July.

Roland Sprague

Roland Sprague is a Nashua native. He works in the kitchen at Daniel Webster College. From the ages of 10 to 20, he lived at the Laconia State School. While there, he participated in the very first Special Olympics National Games in Chicago in the mid 1960s. Roland was 12 years old at the time. Roland is the consummate team player. He is a talented athlete who participates in Special Olympics candlepin bowling, basketball, volleyball, soccer, and softball. Roland volunteers in the Aquafit program at the Merrimack YMCA and in the Artist in Residency Program at the PLUS Company. Roland will represent NH in softball at the National Games in Ames, Iowa, in July.

Missy Prairie

Missy Prairie was recently chosen the Special Olympics Athlete of the Year for the State of New Hampshire. Missy was selected out of nearly 3000 athletes in the state. Missy's enthusiasm for Special Olympics is demonstrated at every practice and competition. Last year Missy was thrilled to be selected to carry the Olympic torch at the 2004 Lower Merrimack Regional Summer Games competition at Alvirne High School. Her entire family and team were there to proudly cheer her on. Missy was the top seller in Special Olympics New Hampshire Duck Race tickets sales two years in a row for PLUS Pride. She was also the top seller in Law Enforcement Torch Run bracelet sales for PLUS Pride. She understands the importance of fundraising and embraces the challenge with her usual enthusiasm, passion, and zest for life. Most importantly, Missy epitomizes each day the true Special Olympic spirit. She is a tireless cheerleader for her fellow teammates and is the first to congratulate her competitors. Whether she receives a fifth place ribbon in track, a bronze medal in bowling, or a gold medal in snowshoeing, she is equally appreciative.

Tim Broderick

Tim Broderick has been a volunteer for the Nashua PLUS Pride Special Olympics team for two years. He was selected to represent New Hampshire at the 2006 National Games in Ames, Iowa in July. Tim will be competing in softball as a unified partner. He lives in Lyndeborough and is married with two daughters. Tim has coached softball for ten years in the Wilton recreational league. He has coached the Souhegan Valley All-Star softball team for five years. Tim volunteers on the Nashua PLUS Pride softball and basketball Special Olympics teams. He is a very caring volunteer who, despite his busy schedule, attends every practice. Tim is a great role model for the athletes.

Jeff Sousa

Jeff Sousa is a Nashua native. He and his wife Shawna have three children and live in Amherst, NH. Jeff has been coaching in the Nashua area for years. In the past he has coached Nashua Park Recreation Basketball and Softball teams along with CYO basketball. He currently coaches his daughter's softball and basketball teams in Amherst. Jeff is currently in his second year of coaching The PLUS Company's Special Olympics softball and basketball teams. In their first season as a competing Special Olympics team, Jeff coached the PLUS Pride basketball team to a gold medal finish. This July, Jeff will be representing the New Hampshire Special Olympics Unified Basketball team at the National Games in Ames, Iowa as a unified partner.