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### **Huntington YMCA Bluefish Swim Team Recognized by Town of Huntington**

HUNTINGTON, NY – April 11th, 2024 – The Huntington YMCA Bluefish Swim Team has been honored by the town of Huntington in recognition of their first-place victory at the New York States YMCA Swim Championships. The Proclamation was awarded to the Huntington Bluefish by the Town of Huntington Supervisor, Ed Smyth and Town of Huntington Councilwoman Brook A. Lupinacci.

The proclamation celebrates the remarkable dedication, skill, and teamwork demonstrated by the members of the Huntington YMCA Bluefish Swim Team. Their commitment to excellence has brought pride and recognition to the community of Huntington. Most of the Huntington Bluefish team members have been life-long swimmers at the Y and started in the Y's swim lessons program.

"On behalf of the entire YMCA of Long Island family, staff and volunteers, it's my great honor to congratulate and recognize the outstanding achievement of winning the New York State Swimming Championship," said Anne Brigis, President & CEO of the YMCA of Long. "We applaud the level of commitment, dedication, discipline, and focus each of these young swimmers bring to the pool each and every day and we couldn't be prouder of their success. Behind these great swimmers is a dedicated support team of swim coaches, parents and families who have helped them reach this milestone. We are also grateful to them for helping them reach for the stars."

The Huntington YMCA Bluefish Swim Team has long been recognized for its commitment to fostering athletic excellence, sportsmanship, and community engagement. Their success at the State Swimming Championship shows their status as one of the top swim teams in the region. The YMCA East Hampton RECenter Hurricanes swim team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> during this year's New York States YMCA Swim Championships after placing in 1<sup>st</sup> place in 2023.

"I am thrilled to present the Huntington YMCA Bluefish Swim Team this proclamation, for their incredible victory at the New York State YMCA Swim Championship," stated Councilwoman Brooke A. Lupinacci. "As a mom of three athletic children, I know the time, dedication and focus it takes to not only compete but to be victorious, at these 3-day competitions. I am proud of the Bluefish Swim Team, and look forward to not only seeing them compete next year, but to watch them succeed in all of their life pursuits. Congratulations!!"

"We are thrilled to receive this honor from the town of Huntington," Said, Eve Brown Head Coach of Huntington Y Bluefish, Huntington YMCA. "This recognition is a testament to the hard work and determination of our swimmers, coaches, and supporters. We are incredibly proud of what we have achieved together."



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"We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the members of the Huntington YMCA Bluefish Swim Team," said Nicole Dinolfo, Huntington YMCA, Executive Director. "Their victory at the State Swimming Championships is a source of inspiration for our entire community. We are honored to recognize their achievements and celebrate their dedication to excellence."

The Huntington YMCA Bluefish Swim Team expresses gratitude to the town of Huntington, families, coaching staff and supporters for their unwavering encouragement and support throughout the season. Once again, congratulations Huntington Bluefish!

### About the YMCA of Long Island

*The Y has been teaching kids how to swim for more than a century, providing lessons about water safety in a fun and safe environment. Every year, we teach thousands of swim lessons and are nationally recognized for our skill building and drown prevention efforts.*

*The YMCA of Long Island is a 501c3 nonprofit community-based service organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, teens, adults, and families through programs and services that nurture youth development, foster healthy living, and inspire social responsibility. Long Islanders learn to live their healthiest and fullest lives inside the YMCA's located in Bay Shore, East Hampton, Glen Cove, Holtsville, Huntington, and Patchogue. For information and locations, [visit ymcali.org](http://visitymcali.org).*

### Photos:



Huntington YMCA Bluefish Senior Swim Team Members along with the Huntington YMCA Swim Team coaches, Nicole Dinolfo, Huntington YMCA Executive Director, Anne Brigis, President & CEO of YMCA of



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Anne Brigis, President & CEO of YMCA of Long Island, Nicole Dinolfo, Huntington YMCA Executive Director, Town of Huntington Supervisor Ed Smyth and Town of Huntington Councilwoman Brooke Lupinacci along with Huntington YMCA Bluefish Swim Team Coaching Staff.



Huntington YMCA Bluefish Swim Team, Huntington YMCA Staff and Town of Huntington Members.