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Barre City, Vermont

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION HONORING FINBAR CIAPPARA, SANTA FIN

WHEREAS, there's something special about the holiday season and the goodness and hope it brings;

WHEREAS, Finbar Ciappara, a Barre City resident with spina bifida who uses a tablet to communicate, dreamed of becoming of a real Santa by attending Santa school;

WHEREAS, despite initial enrollment difficulties, he never gave up on his dream to spread magic, joy, love and happiness to people all over the world as a professional Santa;

WHEREAS, Finbar gained entry to a training School, becoming Santa Fin;

WHEREAS, Barre City takes great pride in honoring Finbar's infectious enthusiasm, hard work, and journey to celebrity on *Santa Camp*, an HBO documentary that changes hearts and minds to embrace diversity and inclusion in recognition that the spirit of Santa is good and transcends differences;

WHEREAS, Santa Fin brings joy to children, people with disabilities, people who face adversity, the people of Barre City, and people and the world over;

WHEREAS, Santa Fin has been welcomed to holiday events throughout central Vermont, and tonight we welcome Finbar and his mom Suki, in their home community, Barre City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022, that Barre City honors and celebrates Finbar Ciappara and all his accomplishments, and we look forward to seeing him at many Barre City holiday events in the years to come!

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Jake Hemmerick  
Mayor  
Barre City, Vermont