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**On the occasion this week, from the 5th through the 9th of September, 2011, of the honoring the five young men who rescued two adults and a young child in the Croton River on the 10th of August, 2011.**

**Whereas**, the Croton River is a creature of nature whose waters may be both refreshing and unpredictable, and therefore a river that must be given due respect for its power over human life, and

**Whereas**, five friends aged thirteen years old—Michael Bello, Daniel Brecher, Brandon Ferguson, Michael Harris, and Erik Scerbanovsky—were present at Mayo's Landing on the Croton River on afternoon of Wednesday, 10 August 2011, and

**Whereas**, they encountered a woman in the water in distress, who in turn was attempting to help her young son also in the water, and

**Whereas**, the five young men acted quickly and heroically in entering the river current to attempt to rescue the failing swimmers, and

**Whereas**, they succeeded through team work and calm headedness in bringing both the mother and child safely to shore as well as a second woman, who had entered the river to assist the first woman and child, and

**Whereas**, Croton's Police Marine Unit, which arrived on the scene quickly by boat to bring the women and young child to safety, testified to the quick thinking and life-saving actions of these five young men,

I, Leo A. W. Wiegman, now therefore humbly proclaim, with the power vested in me by the State of New York as Mayor of our Village of Croton-on-Hudson, that this week, from Monday, the 5th of September, 2011, through Friday, the 9th of September,

2011, shall be **Michael Bello, Daniel Brecher, Brandon Ferguson, Michael Harris, and Erik Scerbanovsky Week** in our Village, and

that our Village extends its eternal appreciation to these young men and all the other unsung local residents who assist selflessly in keeping the Croton River—that we know, love and must respect—as safe as possible for our myriad visitors,



Leo A. W. Wiegman, Mayor