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Run Billy Run 2022 Names Sheriff Nick Cocchi and District Attorney Gulluni as Honorary Race Starters

Springfield, MA - Springfield, MA – The William J. Boyle Scholarship Fund Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi and Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni will serve as honorary race starters at the Run Billy Run 2022 5K road race and 1-mile walk on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at the Ashley Reservoir in Holyoke.

The duo will join presenting sponsor American Medical Response in leading the race.

“Sheriff Cocchi and DA Gulluni are two dear friends of the Boyle family, and we are thrilled to have them participate at our second annual event in my husband's memory,” said Rose Boyle, President of the William J. Boyle Scholarship Fund’s Board of Directors.

“I’m honored to be a part of the annual Run Billy Run 5K/Walk in memory of my good friend, the late Judge William Boyle. This event raises money for the scholarship in his name, and helps young people hoping to attend college reach their dreams. Based on his own inspiring story, I know this would make him proud,” said Sheriff Cocchi.

Hampden District Attorney Gulluni stated, “Judge William Boyle was a friend and mentor. Being able to pay it forward and assist in raising money for the William J. Boyle scholarship is a personal honor. Please consider supporting the race which funds college scholarships for students graduating from his alma mater, the Roger L. Putnam Vocational-Technical Academy. Judge Boyle loved his native city, Springfield, and attributed his success, in part, to his community and the education he received. Please help in honoring his legacy by supporting young women and men on their journey.”

In addition to the run and walk, the event will include a post-race cookout sponsored by Ye Olde Butcher Shoppe, music by DJ BBV, a Massachusetts State Police Air Wing flyover, Mr. Whippey’s Ice Cream Truck, sports massages by Julio Fernandez, an appearance by Boomer of the Springfield Thunderbirds, presentations by the Sheriff’s emotional support division, and so much more.

Registration is now open. T-shirts are guaranteed to those who sign up before September 19. Volunteers looking to get involved can contact wjbscholarship@gmail.com.

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