

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Chenango Forks High School Varsity Football Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 New York State Class C Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, The Chenango Forks High School Varsity Football Team captured the 2015 New York State Class C Championship with an impressive 42-7 triumph over Greenwich High School on Friday, November 27, 2015, at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, the Chenango Forks Blue Devils have achieved their third consecutive Class C title and their fifth championship in school history, while also setting a new state record with 26 tournament victories; and

WHEREAS, One of the top-ranked teams in New York State, the Blue Devils outscored their opponents by a combined score of 212-52 in five playoff games, closing their season with an 11 game winning streak; furthermore, the team has accomplished four consecutive seasons with only one loss, and compiled a remarkable 47 victories over this span; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coaches Dave Hogan, Kelsey Green, Dave Chickanosky and Mike Curtis, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 12-1 is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the 2015 Chenango Forks High School Varsity Football Team, from the opening game of the season, to participation in the state championship, were a brotherhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Dave Hogan, Kelsey Green, Dave Chickanosky and Mike Curtis have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and these outstanding athletes, coaches, and staff have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the 2015 Chenango Forks High School Varsity Football Team; its members: Tony Silvanic, Dan Crowningshield, Kris Borelli, Dylan Frey, Cody Bogue, Hanna Layton, Seth Bush, Ethan Daye, Dylan Studer, Tim McDonald, L.J. Watson, Cody Lamond, Michael Riggan, Collin Topa, Jake Osterhout, Nick Hutchinson, Tiernen Joseph, Paul Liddle, Jared Maslin, Zach Ostrander, Vince Tiesi, Jacob Flynn, Eric Guernsey, Ryan Ehrets, David Chochishvili, Dustin Gould, Brandin Paulhamus, Chris Polhamus, Joseph Aldrich, Trevor Borchardt, Jacob Krupp; Coaches Dave Hogan,

Kelsey Green, Dave Chickanosky and Mike Curtis; Ball Boys David Hogan,

Alex Mauer, Lucas Scott, and Hunter Gibbore; and Stat Girls Meira Hogan, Lynnsey Osterhout, Emma Haley and Ava Hudak, on their championship season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the 2015 Chenango Forks High School Varsity Football Team and the aforementioned coaches and staff.