

BY: Senator AKSHAR

CONGRATULATING the Chenango Forks High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class B 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 Girls Varsity Soccer Team captured the 2016 New York State Class B Championship with an exciting 2-1 victory over top-ranked Syracuse Westhill on Sunday, November 13, 2016, at the SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex in Cortland, New York; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Chris Walsh, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Devils overall record of 23-0 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 Chenango Forks High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a sisterhood 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

WHEREAS, Coach Chris Walsh has 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 Coach Chris Walsh and his outstanding athletes 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 Chenango Forks High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team; its members: Hannah Fuller, Anna Kalivoda, Riley Peterson, Avalee Filho, McKenna Williams, Reece Wiley, Lauren Ashman, Brooke Maietta, Camryn

Clements, Katey Church, Robin Confer, Lexi Bartlow, Chloe Dutcher, Gabby Panko, Kaitlyn Walsh, Victoria Borelli, Emma Bough, Sophie Rusnak,

Anastasia Rusnak, Cassidy Walsh and Alex Dimatos; and Coach Chris Walsh on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Chenango Forks High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team and to Coach Chris Walsh.