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**CONGRATULATING** the Corning Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Coach Ray Lawson upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class A Championship

**WHEREAS,** Individual and team championships are highly sought after in high school sports; this Legislative Body commends rare athletic achievements and pays special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the youth of this great Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** Athletic competition helps to enhance both the moral and physical development of young athletes, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Corning Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Coach Ray Lawson upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class A Championship on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at Chenango Valley State Park; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Hawks finished 21 points ahead of Warwick Valley and Liverpool to win the championship; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of black and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Hawks throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as cross country, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Ray Lawson and his expert coaching staff worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the field; and

**WHEREAS,** Coach Ray Lawson and all of the outstanding athletes on the Corning Boys Varsity Cross Country Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting 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 members of the Corning Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Head Coach Ray Lawson on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Corning Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Head Coach Ray Lawson.