

**BY:** M. of A. Palmesano

**CONGRATULATING** the Corning-Painted Post Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Head Coach Ray Lawson upon the occasion of capturing the 2017 NYSPHSAA Class A Cross Country 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-Painted Post Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Head Coach Ray Lawson upon the occasion of capturing their second straight 2017 NYSPHSAA Class A Cross Country Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Hawks defeated Fayetteville-Manlius by a score of 38-40 to capture the Championship on Saturday, November 11, 2017, at Wayne Senior High School in Ontario Center, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to this monumental win, the Corning-Painted Post Varsity Boys Cross Country Team were the first Section 4 team to qualify for the Nike Cross Country Nationals in Portland, Oregon, where they finished in 12th place; 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, Assistant Coach Andrew Cartwright, and volunteer Coaches Jim Derick and Tom Ketchum worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the course; and

**WHEREAS,** Head Coach Ray Lawson, Assistant Coach Andrew Cartwright, volunteer Coaches Jim Derick and Tom Ketchum and all of the outstanding athletes on the Corning-Painted Post 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-Painted Post Boys Varsity Cross

Country Team: Quinn Nicholson, Daniel Gahagan, Nathan Lawson, Bryce Derick, Camden Zaidel, John Cleary, and Torrey Jacobson-Evans; Head Coach Ray Lawson; Assistant Coach Andrew Cartwright; and volunteer

Coaches Jim Derick and Tom Ketchum upon the occasion of capturing the 2017 NYSPHSAA Class A Cross Country Championship; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Corning-Painted Post Boys Varsity Cross Country Team, Head Coach Ray Lawson, Assistant Coach Andrew Cartwright, and volunteer Coaches Jim Derick and Tom Ketchum.