

**BY:** M. of A. Jones

**CONGRATULATING** the AuSable Valley Girls Varsity  
Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2021  
Class C State 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 AuSable Valley Girls Varsity Soccer Team are the 2021 Class C State Champions; and

**WHEREAS,** The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Lindsey Douglas and her outstanding assistant coaches, Michael Douglas and Heather Bezio, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** The team's overall record of 16-4-1 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 AuSable 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,** Team Captains Jillian Bezio, Lilley Keyser, Kate Knapp and Jenna Stanley provided outstanding leadership to the team, the members of which describe themselves as one big family; and

**WHEREAS,** Coaches Lindsey Douglas, Michael Douglas, and Heather Bezio 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 Coaches Lindsey Douglas, Michael Douglas, and Heather Bezio and their outstanding athletes have clearly contributed 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 AuSable Valley Girls Varsity Soccer Team and Coaches Lindsey Douglas, Michael Douglas, and Heather Bezio 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 AuSable Girls Varsity Soccer Team; Head Coach, Lindsey Douglas; and Assistant Coaches, Michael Douglas and Heather Bezio.