

BY: Senator BORRELLO

CONGRATULATING the Portville High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2023 NYSPHSAA Class C Volleyball Championship on November 19, 2023

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 Portville High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2023 NYSPHSAA Volleyball Class C Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Lady Panthers defeated Millbrook High School in a decisive 3-0 (25-14, 25-21, 25-11) victory to capture the Championship on Sunday, November 19, 2023, at Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, This monumental win marks the third consecutive and eighth overall New York State title for the Lady Panthers' volleyball program; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Lady Panthers throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 38-5-2 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as volleyball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Kelly Unverdorben, Assistant Coach Paul Mann, Junior Varsity Coach Mackenzie Gnan, and Modified Coach Jean Bantelman worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Kelly Unverdorben and all of the outstanding athletes on the Portville Girls Varsity High School Volleyball 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 Portville Girls Varsity High School Volleyball Team: Addie Walker, Marissa Carls, Maddy Ford, Adriana

Ensell, Mia Rhinehart, Ava Haynes, Emily Jordan, Brielle Fidurko, Hanna Wysocki, Laney Vincent, Ali Haynes, and Lillian Bentley; Head Coach Kelly Unverdorben, Assistant Coach Paul Mann, Junior Varsity Coach

Mackenzie Gnan and Modified Coach Jean Bantelman 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 Portville Girls Varsity High School Volleyball Team; Head Coach, Kelly Unverdorben; Assistant Coach, Paul Mann; Junior Varsity Coach, Mackenzie Gnan; Modified Coach, Jean Bantelman; Athletic Trainer, Matt Gnan; Managers, Megan Wenke, Ella Wentworth, Riley Work, Lia Cook and Emma Rhinehart; Statistician, Rick Coletti, and Athletic Director, Elizabeth Colligan.