

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING the Penn Yan Academy Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2025 NYSPHSAA Class D Boys Lacrosse Championship

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought in 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 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 Penn Yan Academy Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2025 NYSPHSAA Class D Boys Lacrosse Championship at Hobart and William Smith's Boswell Field on Saturday, June 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Lacrosse is a part of Penn Yan's culture; the youth program prepares boys and girls to be future varsity players; and

WHEREAS, To the applause of their excited fans, the Section V Penn Yan Mustangs defeated Chenango Forks Blue Devils in a thrilling victory, finishing with a score of 11-8; and

WHEREAS, Family, friends, and the community loyally and enthusiastically supported the Mustangs as the team finished 21-2 for the year; this victory is Penn Yan's first state title since 2001, their second overall; from June 14, 2023, to June 14, 2025, the champions have lost only one game to a Class D team; and

WHEREAS, In a sport, such as lacrosse, which demands athletic prowess, speed, and agility, Head Coach Brian Hobart and his incredible 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, Head Coach Brian Hobart, the coaching staff, and all the outstanding athletes on the Penn Yan Academy Boys Varsity Lacrosse 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 Penn Yan Academy Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team, Colin Bacher, Cole Banach, Keegan Christensen, Ty Conover, Miles Ditzel, Teagan Fingar, Braden Fingar, Levi Fisher, Tukker Fisher, Harrison Fitch, Aven Foster, Michael Gigliotti, Aiden Griffiths, Greyson Hathway, John Holly, Jaxon Jensen, Brody Keech, Logan Long, Carter

MacKerchar, Ti'Jai Moorer, Cole Murphy, Wilson Oliva, Ryder Sprague, Will Thompson, Ethan Vandelinder, and Colt Walters, upon the occasion of capturing the 2025 NYSPHSAA Class D Boys Lacrosse Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Penn Yan Academy Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team; Head Coach Brian Hobart; and Assistant Coaches Harry Queener, Chris Redington, and Conner Fingar.