

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**CONGRATULATING** the Corning High School Boys 3200 Meter Relay Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track Championship in the 3200 Meter Relay on June 11, 2022

**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 High School Boys 3200 Meter Relay Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track Championship in the 3200 Meter Relay on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Cicero North Syracuse High School in Cicero, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Corning High School Boys 3200 Meter Relay Team won the NYSPHSAA and NYS Federation Championship titles with a time of 7:49.70; the time was the fastest for the event in New York State during the 2022 outdoor track and field season; and

**WHEREAS,** The talented athletes who make up the Corning High School Boys 3200 Meter Relay Team include: Gabe Cornfield, Tevin McLaren, Ashton Bange, and Jack Gregorski; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as long distance running, which demands stamina, speed and determination, Head Coach Joe Melanson and Assistant Coaches Tom Ketchum, Ray Lawson, and Kale Wilcox worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the track; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of black and gold, the team's family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Corning High School Boys 3200 Meter Relay Team throughout their journey as they ended the season with an impressive overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and the Corning High School Boys 3200 Meter Relay Team has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of Corning High School; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

the Corning High School Boys 3200 Meter Relay Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track Championship in the 3200 Meter Relay on June 11, 2022; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Corning High School Boys 3200 Meter Relay Team, Head Coach Joe Melanson and Assistant Coaches Tom Ketchum, Ray Lawson, and Kale Wilcox.