

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**CONGRATULATING** the Elmira High School Boys Bowling Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Division 1 Bowling Championship on March 10, 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 Elmira High School Boys Bowling Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Division 1 Bowling Championship on Friday, March 10, 2023, at Strike 'N Spare Lanes in Syracuse, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Elmira High School Boys Bowling Team made an impressive comeback against Hilton; Elmira Express boys trailed by 190 pins after the first two games, but rallied the rest of the way and recorded a score of 1,036 in the final game to secure the state title; and

**WHEREAS,** The totals for the Elmira High School Boys Bowling Team were 1079, 998, 1060, 1134, 1007, and 1036, with a total pinfall of 6,314; their score won the title by 51 pins over Hilton and 92 pins over New Hartford; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of black, white, and red, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Elmira Express boys throughout their journey as they ended their season remarkably with the first state title for Elmira High School; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as bowling, which demands athletic prowess, precision, and adaptability, Head Coach Tim Crout worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the lanes; and

**WHEREAS,** Head Coach Tim Crout and all of the outstanding athletes on the Elmira High School Boys Bowling 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 Elmira High School Boys Bowling Team, Frankie D'angelo, Alex Gublo, Trent Belloma, Skylar Shadduck, Alex Smith, Ty Bolt, and Head Coach Tim Crout on their outstanding season and upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Division 1 Bowling Championship on March 10, 2023; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Elmira High School Boys Bowling Team and Head Coach Tim Crout.