



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE FENWICK FRIARS FOR WINNING THE ILLINOIS CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2021, Oak Park's Fenwick Friars beat the Kankakee Kays 34-15 at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb to claim the Illinois Class 5A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, this marks Fenwick's first state title in football since the IHSA first introduced the playoff system in 1974; and

WHEREAS, the Friars' win was highlighted by stellar catches (Bryan Hunt, Jr., Eian Pugh, and Max Reese), spectacular throws and runs (QB Kaden Cobb), and hard-nosed blocking (Jimmy Liston, Rasheed Anderson, Will Rosenberg, Pat Durkin, Aaron Johnson, Lukas Mikuzis, and the rest of the offensive line); and

WHEREAS, defensively, Conor and Martin Paris stood out, as did Suleiman Abuaqel, Den Juette, Mirko Jaksic (junior), Harry Kenny, Conor Stetz (junior), Aden Vargas, Jacque Walls, Quin Wieties, sophomores Luke D'Alise and Will Gladden, and freshman Nate Marshall; and

WHEREAS, running back Danny Kent rushed for more than 200 yards on 28 carries and was named Player of the Game; and

WHEREAS, the Friars held Kankakee's strong offense to 227 total yards and just 38 yards rushing; and

WHEREAS, the Friars worked hard all year as a team to finish 12-2, and thrived thanks to the guidance of amazing coaches, with Coach Matt Battaglia at the helm; and

WHEREAS, since 1929 Fenwick has been a leader in Catholic education in the Chicagoland area; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Fenwick High School, guided by Dominican Catholic values, inspires excellence and educates each student to lead, achieve, and serve; and

WHEREAS, representing 86 zip codes, drawing from 150 grade schools, Fenwick's student body comprises an array of interests and experiences; and

WHEREAS, with 35 different athletic teams and a storied history within the Chicago Catholic League, Fenwick strives to be the best both in the classroom and on the playing field.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the Fenwick Friars for winning the Illinois Class 5A State Championship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Fenwick Friars' football team as an expression of our esteem.