



**PROCLAMATION  
ON THE OCCASION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE  
ABINGDON HIGH SCHOOL VHSL CLASS 3  
BOYS' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Abingdon wishes to honor and recognize the Abingdon High School Boys' State Championship Cross Country Team comprised of eight members and the team's coaches.

**WHEREAS**, the commitment required for student-athletes to be a part of a sports team includes meeting required academic success, attendance, and commitment to a rigorous daily training program; and

**WHEREAS**, those sacrifices paid off on Saturday, November 13, 2021, when the Boys' Cross Country Team competed in the VHSL Class 3A State Championship in Salem, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the team was Mountain 7 District Champions with a perfect score of 15 points, outscoring the second-place team by 27 points. The team also captured the Region 3D Championship with 26 points, outscoring the second place team by 39 points.

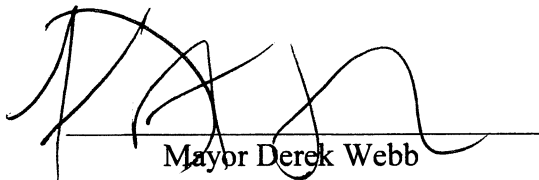
**WHEREAS**, the team made school history by winning the first-ever VHSL State Cross Country Championship title for Abingdon High School with 33, outscoring the second-place team by 53 points; and

**WHEREAS**, Isaac Thiessen garnered the Individual State Championship and Dylan Phillips earned the Individual State Runner-up title; and

**WHEREAS**, the coaching staff and members of the Abingdon High School Boys' Cross Country Team made a significant impact on their school and community by qualifying the team and by winning the State Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, it is with pride that the Town Council recognizes the commitment and dedication of these students who serve as a model for citizens of the Commonwealth; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by the authority invested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the Abingdon Town Council and citizens, I hereby commend the 2021 Abingdon High School Boys' Cross Country Team for their tireless efforts and achievements. The Council wishes them success in their future endeavors.

  
Mayor Derek Webb

December 6, 2021

**Roster (2021)**

**Isaac Thiessen**

**Dylan Phillips**

**Jack Bundy**

**Rives Boltwood**

**Gregory Poisson (“Greg”)**

**Bramley Childress**

**Todd Pillion, II (“Teddy”)**

**Samuel Beasey (“Sam”)**

**Head Coach: Allyson Newton**

**Assistant Coach: Brent Swiney**