



**PROCLAMATION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE
ABINGDON HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Abingdon wishes to honor and recognize the Abingdon High School Boys' State Championship Cross Country Team comprising eight members and the Abingdon High School Girls' State Championship Cross Country Team comprising of seven members and the teams' coaches; and

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 12, 2022, when the Boys' and the Girls' Cross Country Teams competed in the VHSL Class 3A State Championship in Salem, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Girls' team was Mountain 7 District Champions with a score of 19 points, outscoring the second place team by 37 points and the Boys' team was the Mountain 7 District Runner Up with a score of 37 points. With Makaleigh Jessee and Jack Bundy garnering the Individual Mountain 7 District titles and Josie Jackson and Rives Boltwood earning the Runner up titles. The teams also captured the Region 3D Championship titles. The Girls' team scored 26 points outscoring the second-place team by 38 points. The Boys' team scored 29 points, outscoring the second-place team by 28 points. With Makaleigh Jessee and Jack Bundy again garnering the Region 3D Individual titles and Josie Jackson and Rives Boltwood earning the Runner up titles; and

WHEREAS, the Boys' team made school history by winning the first-ever back to back VHSL State Cross Country Championship title for Abingdon High School with 65 points, outscoring the second-place team by 32 points. The Girls' team won the school's second ever team VHSL State Cross Country Championship title with 45 points, outscoring the second-place team by 42 points; and

WHEREAS, Makaleigh Jessee garnered the Girls' State Individual Championship; and

WHEREAS, the coaching staff and members of the Abingdon High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams made a significant impact on their school and community by taking the teams by winning the championships; 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 2022 Abingdon High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams for their tireless efforts and achievements. The Council wishes them success in their future endeavors.


Mayor Derek Webb

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