

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION & CONGRATULATIONS
ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL 2023 BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM
MHSAA DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONS**

WHEREAS, The Athens High School 2023 Boys Varsity Soccer Team won the **Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 Boys Soccer Championship** on November 4, 2023 in Grand Ledge beating Brighton High School 2-1 in overtime for the title; and

WHEREAS, The come from behind win gave **Troy Athens** its second **State Championship** since 2019 and the sixth state title in Athens Soccer history. Athens dominated the overtime period, outshooting Brighton 10-1 overall and 8-0 on goal; and

WHEREAS, Special commendation is due to Captains Brody Fahnestock, Alex Marine, Manny Aigbedo; and team members Vansh Baxi, Jason Bouna, Charlie Ciak, Travis Claypool, Marc Delikat, Luke DiGiovanni, Fares El-Mahrouky, Adam Ethridge, Gavin Faro, Rodrigo Garcia, Jake Gruca, Braeden Hupman, JD Hupman, Luke Izzo, Daniel Kadiu, Dario Kadiu, Roshan Khan, Griffin LaBay, Ethan Liu, Nik Lulgjuraj, Joey Mendrick, Kevin Myrtollari, Ethan Rem, Brady Roskelly, Nick Rossi, Adriano Shauya, Miguel Ramirez Vanegas; and

WHEREAS, This has been an exciting, hard fought soccer season with a 20-3-2 record, and we are proud of the title you have earned and the winning reputation you have brought to our community and your school. There is no substitute for experience as the **Red Hawks** had 16 seniors. The **Red Hawks** had 13 shutouts for the season and allowed total of just 18 goals in 25 games. The team also came from behind in five out of seven playoff games; and

WHEREAS, We applaud and congratulate **Boys Varsity Soccer Head Coach Todd Heugh**, who took over in 2011 and is only the second coach in Athens' boys soccer history. With this victory, Coach Heugh has now won a State Championship as a player for Athens High (1989) and two as a coach. Also congratulations to Assistant Coaches Frank Mancini, Jason Fawcett, Tim Hickey, Chris Conklin; and Trainer Bryan "Troll" Baines for their commitment to the **Athens High Boys Varsity Soccer Team**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy commends the **Athens High School 2023 Boys Varsity Soccer Team** for their fine efforts, and extends this token of affection and admiration with which you are regarded in this City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy, joins the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of the **2023 Athens High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team as the MHSSA Division 1 State Champions**.

Presented this 4th day of December, 2023.