

**PROCLAMATION**

**COMMENDING THE GEORGE MASON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM**

- WHEREAS, the 2020-2021 George Mason High School Varsity girls' basketball team captured the Virginia High School League Class 3 State Championship by defeating two-time defending champion Spotswood High School 65-49; and
- WHEREAS, this is the fifth State Championship won by the Varsity girls basketball team in the program's history; and
- WHEREAS, the Lady Mustangs held an undefeated record through the regular season (11-0), winning the Northwestern District Championship and advanced to the Region 3B Final; and
- WHEREAS, the Lady Mustangs defeated James Monroe High School 68-23 to claim the Region 3B Championship and defeated New Kent High School 73-29 in the State Semi-Final; and
- WHEREAS, the pandemic challenges facing the student-athletes of all teams, participants, and fans have made this season unlike any other; and
- WHEREAS, the Lady Mustangs competed all season at a high level, during practices and competitions, agreeing as a team to wear face coverings; and
- WHEREAS, the entire team – Rianna Arsenault, Natalee Cannon, Maya Chatterjee, Elizabeth Creed, Maeve Dodge, Elisa Goislard-Nguyen, Zoraida Icabalceta, Peyton Jones, Mia Kritenbrink, Sydney Longer, Abigail Meighan, Bella Paradiso, Maureen Tremblay, and Megan Tremblay – worked hard both on the court and in the classroom, excelled as a unit, and displayed excellent sportsmanship all season; and
- WHEREAS, Head Coach Chris Carrico provided outstanding leadership with the assistance of Assistant Coaches Mirando Wingo, Svetlana Pankratova, and Leah Partridge, as well as the support of Superintendent Peter Noonan, Principal Matt Hills, Athletic Director Marvin Wooten, Assistant Athletic Director Hillary Trebels, and Athletic Trainer Vicki Galliher; and
- WHEREAS, the Lady Mustangs, coaches, parents, and fans relied upon the support of team manager Caroline Akins and videographer Hunter Hicks as well as the outstanding spirited Lady Mustang Cheer squad to win George Mason High School's first state championship after moving up to join Class 3 with the start of the 2019-2020 school year; and
- WHEREAS, the Falls Church City Council commends these outstanding student-athletes on their undefeated season (16-0) and sweep of the District, Region, and Class 3 State Championships.

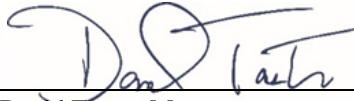
NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Tarter, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 5, 2021 as

**STATE CHAMPIONS LADY MUSTANG BASKETBALL DAY**

in the City of Falls Church and call on all residents to express congratulations and appreciation for the team's outstanding achievement and championship performance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 1st day of March 2021.



  
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David Tarter, Mayor