

Salt Lake County

A PROCLAMATION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THE HERRIMAN HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY TEAM AS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, Herriman High School Rugby Team has won seven state championships and now has achieved an incredible 2021 *national* championship win; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 national championship game has been recognized by many commentators as one of the greatest national championship games ever, where Herriman overturned a 17-14 deficit in the second half to beat St. Ignatius; and

WHEREAS, the Herriman High School Rugby team had to overcome many obstacles to become champions including the cancellation of the 2020 season due to COVID-19 and the theft of the team's trailer that was full of equipment which, fortunately, was eventually returned; and

WHEREAS, Herriman High School Rugby Team Coach, Elvis Hansen, told his players that "When you get to the last game of the year, I don't want to see tears," and told them all year to visualize themselves "being champions;" and

WHEREAS, Coach Hansen reminded the players as they ran hills that this exercise would "make them champions" and never stopped telling them to envision themselves as champions, not just for today but for the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Herriman High School Rugby Team is officially a team of *Champions*.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Salt Lake County Council commends, congratulates, and gives special recognition to the Herriman High School Rugby Team on their extraordinary achievement as 2021 National Champions.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13th day of July, 2021.

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