**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** THE VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL COUGARS ARE THE OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2020 DIVISION IV STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS; AND

**WHEREAS,** THE TEAM COMPLETED ITS REGULAR SEASON WITH A 5-1 RECORD; AND

**WHEREAS,** HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PLAYOFFS LEADING UP TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME INCLUDE WINS OVER

* PORT CLINTON (46-20),
* KEYSTONE (38-27),
* BELLEVUE (41-22),
* SHELBY (49-7), AND
* WYOMING (28-20); AND

**WHEREAS,** IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, THE TEAM DISPLAYED ITS ADMIRABLE NEVER-GIVE-UP ATTITUDE WITH A 14-POINT COME-FROM-BEHIND WIN, TYING THE DIVISION IV STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECORD FOR LARGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME TO WIN; AND

**WHEREAS,** IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, THE VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL COUGARS DEFEATED THE LAKE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL COUGARS (31-28).

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, KENNETH J. MARKWARD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VAN WERT, HEREBY RECOGNIZE AND EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL 2020 DIVISION IV STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF VAN WERT TO BE AFFIXED HERETO THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY.

**KENNETH J. MARKWARD, MAYOR**