## PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING THE ALGONQUIN ARGONAUTS YOUTH FOOTBALL 8U TEAM ON THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, The Algonquin Argonauts Youth Football & Cheer is the largest organization serving McHenry/Kane County that is affiliated with Pop Warner, the nation's largest youth football and cheer organization; and

WHEREAS, The Algonquin Argonauts are a member of the Chicagoland Pop Warner Conference within the Mid-America Pop Warner Region; and

WHEREAS, The Pop Warner organization provides the opportunity to play against the best regional and national competition. 70% of NFL Players began their careers playing Pop Warner football; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Pop Warner football is to enable young people to benefit from participation in team sports and activities in a structured environment. Through this active participation, Pop Warner programs teach fundamental values, skills and knowledge that young people will use throughout their lives, while emphasizing the importance of academic success; and

WHEREAS, the Algonquin Argonauts are one of the top performing organizations in Pop Warner, having sent several teams to Florida as national qualifiers, having won regional championships, multiple state champions; and

WHEREAS, the program is structured on the Safety and well-being of the kids, a balance between Academics and Athletics, the teaching of good, sound and positive football and cheer FUNdamentals, the focus on healthy competition and physical fitness, and a tight-knit, family experience, free from the pressure to be in the "inner-circle"; and

WHEREAS, The 8U team won the Chicagoland Pop Warner State Championship at Busey Bank Stadium in Joliet, defeating the Elmhurst Bears Youth Football Club 18-0; and

WHEREAS, Coach Creeper and his staff made some critical adjustments for the 2nd half, and they broke the 0-0 tie, just minutes into the 3rd quarter. The defense stepped up, and Argos were in control the rest of the way.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Debby Sosine, Village President of the Village of Algonquin, on behalf of the Village Trustees and the Village Clerk, do hereby congratulate the Algonquin Argonauts Youth Football 8U team on their state championship. I further call upon all our Citizens to make every effort to practice the ideals of sportsmanship, scholarship and physical fitness as demonstrated by the championship team.

DATED this /2 th day of November , 2024

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Debby Sosine, Village President

Fred Martin, Village Clerk