



PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF
Dakota Wesleyan Women's Basketball
2018 NAIA Division II National Championship Team



WHEREAS, The City of Mitchell views Dakota Wesleyan University, and the Dakota Wesleyan University athletic teams as valuable assets to the Community of Mitchell, enhancing the quality of life for our community; and the City of Mitchell is proud to say that the World's Only Corn Palace is the home court for the Dakota Wesleyan Women's Basketball team;

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 Women's Basketball team concluded its season by winning the NAIA Division II National Championship Title, the first National Championship in Dakota Wesleyan University's History;

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 Women's Basketball team demonstrated hard work and determination throughout the season under the leadership of Jason Christensen tying the school record for the number of wins (32) and continuing those efforts during the NAIA Division II National Tournament with an average margin of victory of 16.6 points per game;

WHEREAS, those efforts are admired and respected by the Mitchell community; and demonstrates the type of character that Dakota Wesleyan University students and the Mitchell community possess;

WHEREAS, this historic accomplishment creates a sense of community pride and demonstrates to a larger audience what can be accomplished when efforts are made to go "Outside Expectations";

WHEREAS, this community pride is evident by the thousands of fans that support the Dakota Wesleyan Basketball teams whether they are playing on the road, or playing at the World's Only Corn Palace;

WHEREAS, the 2018 NAIA Division II National Championship Team showed how their efforts were "Outside Expectations":

- by leading the nation in total assists (743), total defensive rebounds per game (27.0) and free throw percentage (80.4);
- by breaking the school record for assists;
- by breaking the school record for three-pointers made in a season;

WHEREAS, the 2018 NAIA Division II National Championship Team had several members recognized for their hard work and determination including:

- Ashley Bray who was named All-American First Team;
- Amber Bray who was named All- American Honorable Mention;
- Ashley Bray, Amber Bray and Rylie Osthus who were named All-GPAC First Team;
- Rylie Osthus who was named the GPAC Co-Defensive Player of the Year;
- Kynedi Cheeseman who was named All- GPAC Second Team and National Tournament MVP;
- Chesney Nagel who was named All-GPAC Honorable Mention;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the City of Mitchell wishes to formally recognize the 2018 NAIA Division II National Championship Team for its historically successful national championship title, the great sportsmanship and teamwork that was displayed in cities and basketball courts throughout their division, and for representing the City of Mitchell and Dakota Wesleyan University in such a positive manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT I, Jerry Toomey, Mayor of the City of Mitchell and the Mitchell City Council convey this very special recognition by way of this proclamation, to the 2018 NAIA Division II National Championship Team and wish to congratulate them for their exceptional achievements on this day, the sixteenth day of April, 2018.

Jerry Toomey, Mayor City of Mitchell

Outside expectations