

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

PROCLAMATION

**HONORING NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE WOMEN'S WRESTLING
FIRST TEAM NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

- WHEREAS, the City of Naperville honors the North Central College women's wrestling team for its 2023 National College Women's Wrestling Coaches (NCWWC) National Championship, the first national title in the program's history; and
- WHEREAS, North Central College won its national title against an all-divisions field and was the only non-scholarship institution to place among the top four teams at the championship; and
- WHEREAS, North Central College wrestlers earned 15 All-America honors at the national championship, the highest number possible, including individual national champions Maddie Avila, Jaslynn Gallegos and Yelena Makoyed (a three-time individual national champion); and
- WHEREAS, North Central College's program was also named the national Scholar Team Champions with a nation-leading 3.798 grade-point average and a program-record 15 Scholar All-Americans; and
- WHEREAS, several members of the North Central College program have represented the College and Naperville in national and international competitions at the junior and senior levels, including a bronze-medal finish at the Under-20 World Championship by Amani Jones; and
- WHEREAS, in just four seasons since it was established, the women's wrestling program has become a sought-after destination for high-achieving student-athletes from all regions of the country; and
- WHEREAS, we thank North Central College for its continuing innovative efforts to support and enhance competitive opportunities for women and to inspire women and girls to achieve their own high standards of excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Wehrli, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby present this proclamation to HEAD COACH JOE NORTON AND THE NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE CARDINALS In celebration of the 2023 National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Coaches National Championship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this fifth of December, 2023



Scott Wehrli, Mayor

