

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

PROCLAMATION

**HONORING NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE WOMEN'S TRIATHLON
FIFTH TEAM NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

WHEREAS, the City of Naperville honors the North Central College women's triathlon team for its 2023 USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championship, the fifth national title in program history; and

WHEREAS, Junior Hailey Poe captured her third consecutive individual national championship, leading an unprecedented sweep of the top three places on the awards podium which included junior Charlotte Kumler in second place and sophomore Bethany Smeed in third place; and

WHEREAS, North Central College has the highest number of individual national championships (152) and the second-highest number of team national championships (44) of any collegiate institution nationwide; and

WHEREAS, North Central College was one of the first NCAA institutions to adopt women's triathlon as a team sport and has played a leading role in the sport's growth to a total of 42 institutions from all divisions and regions of the country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Naperville applauds the women's triathlon team for its national prominence and for enriching the College and local communities through outstanding scholarship, leadership and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the combined success of these women in the competitive and academic arenas showcases the best attributes of the NCAA Division III philosophy of using athletics to enrich the collegiate experience; and

WHEREAS, we applaud North Central College for its ongoing commitment to providing rewarding and educational competitive athletic experiences for women

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Wehrli, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby present this proclamation to **HEAD COACH TYLER WOODWARD AND THE NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE CARDINALS** in celebration of the 2023 USA Triathlon Collegiate 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

