

## **Proclamation #P2010-02**

### **To Congratulate the Sycamore High School Rugby Football Club on Winning the Tier 2 State High School Championship**

**Whereas**, the Sycamore High School Rugby Football Club has achieved consistent success throughout its six seasons of existence, including two prior final four appearances in the Tier 2 Division of the Illinois Youth Rugby Association High School Championship; and

**Whereas**, members of the Sycamore High School Rugby Football Club have, over the years of its existence, represented their school in select side competition against visiting high school sides from Scotland and England, and in travel overseas to Great Britain, achieving success and representing their school and their country admirably; and alumni going on to successful collegiate and club side play, including representation in regional and national club competition; and

**Whereas**, the Sycamore High School Rugby Club finished undefeated in the 2010 season, compiling an impressive record of 9 wins and no losses in regular and post-season play, as well as sweeping two tournaments in the season; and

**Whereas**, the Spartans then marched through the post-season, defeating New Trier High School in the quarterfinals of the State tournament by a score of 34-3 and defeating the Arlington Stallions in the semifinal match by a score of 43-0, before beating St. Rita in the State Tier 2 Championship match at Lemont, Illinois, on Wednesday, June 2, 2010, by the score of 19 to 12;

**Therefore**, it is with great pride and pleasure that the DeKalb County Board, on behalf of the people of DeKalb County, proclaim and express our congratulations to the players, the parents and supporters, the coaches and the administrators who have helped to develop and foster this program for the significant achievement of the club in securing its first State title; wishing all of the players continued good fortune as rugby continues to grow as a team sport in this country, looking towards its return as an Olympic sport in 2016, with the United States of America as the defending Olympic champion, after having defeated France in 1924 in rugby's last Olympic appearance as a sport.

PASSED AT Sycamore, Illinois, This 21<sup>st</sup> Day of July 2010, A.D.



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Ruth Anne Tobias, Chairman