WHEREAS, the Central Catholic High School boys golf team finished five strokes ahead of Unionville to win the PIAA Class 3A championship on October 24, 2018 at Heritage Hills Golf Resort in York; and

WHEREAS, Central Catholic struggled on the front nine, but the team demonstrated mental toughness by bouncing back with a 7-under-par 41 on Holes 10-12 and by holding on down the stretch for a total score of 300; Neal Shipley led the Vikings with a 1-over-par 72; WPIAL champion and PIAA runner-up Jimmy Meyers shot a 73, Shane Kelley carded a 76, Palmer Cuny had a 79, and Tyler Blake contributed an 86; and

WHEREAS, Central Catholic returned four starters this season in seniors Shipley, Blake, Kelley, and Meyers – grounding the program and taking it to new heights; this year’s state championship was the Vikings’ second in three years; and

WHEREAS, Central Catholic’s state championship would not have been possible without the exceptional leadership of coach Corey O’Connor, who also makes a profound difference off the course as a City of Pittsburgh Councilman representing District 5; and

WHEREAS, we thank the players, coaches, students, administrators, parents, and all others involved with the program for representing this region so well and making Allegheny County proud at the PIAA championships and throughout this incredibly exciting golf season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate the Central Catholic High School boys golf team on winning a state championship and on its other tremendous achievements this year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 26th day of December, 2018.

Rich Fitzgerald
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