WHEREAS, Mt. Lebanon High School junior Patrick Anderson won the PIAA Class 3A boys cross country championship on November 3, 2018 in Hershey; and

WHEREAS, Patrick took the gold in dramatic fashion, crossing the finish line in 16 minutes, 3 seconds – just 4 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher; while battling a muddy course and talented competitors, he demonstrated exceptional mental and physical fortitude; he was in third place for most of the race but moved into second in the final mile and sprinted into first with about 400 meters remaining; and

WHEREAS, with the victory, Patrick joined elite company, becoming only the fifth runner in Mt. Lebanon history to win a state boys cross country title – the others were Bob Lyle (1953), John Stoble (1960), Tom Giordano (1962), and Shawn Cavanaugh (2000); and

WHEREAS, Patrick has an extraordinary work ethic; in addition to regularly cross training and lifting weights, he runs at least 40 miles each week and participates in track and field; he also is an honor student, earning a 4.7 GPA; and

WHEREAS, we thank Patrick, his family, and coach Mike Agostinella for representing this region so well and making Allegheny County proud at the PIAA championships and throughout this incredibly exciting cross country season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Patrick Anderson on winning a state championship and on his 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

RICH FITZGERALD