



WHEREAS, on December 17, 2016, the South Point High School "Red Raiders" Football Team captured its fifth State Championship title by defeating the Rocky Mount Gryphons in the NCHSAA 3A State Championship game at Wake Forest's BB&T Stadium in Winston-Salem, NC; and,

WHEREAS, the Red Raiders overcame a half-time deficit to claim the title with a 16-7 win over the Gryphons in the grueling defensive battle; and,

WHEREAS, the Red Raiders launched their 2016 season with a renewed focus and resolve to return to the State Championship after coming within one game of the coveted title in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, finishing 6-1 in the Big South 2A/3A Conference, the Red Raiders charged through the playoffs defeating their opponents by a staggering 188-13 margin and finishing the season 12-4 overall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners commends and congratulates the South Point "Red Raiders" Football Team, its coaches, managers and support team upon winning the

**2016 North Carolina State 3A Football Championship**

and salutes each of them for their excellent teamwork and fine sportsmanship as follows:

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| Alex Campbell     | Jake Alexander     | Matthew Robinson | Riley Nichols      |
| Aryn Moore        | James Granson      | Max Mead         | Sean Burns         |
| Cade Ratliff      | Jerme Leeper       | Naseem Jones     | Scottie Lee        |
| Caleb Gibson      | Jesse Singleton    | Nathan Hamilton  | Tanner Canterberry |
| CJ Jennings       | Josh Bogen         | Nathan Silver    | Thomas Lempereur   |
| Dalton Rhodes     | Josh Hicks         | Nick Farmer      | Tre Glenn          |
| Dillon Neagle     | Jr Scipio          | Nick Gange       | Ty Tinker          |
| Ethan Jackson     | Keaton Hale        | Nick Muse        | Tyler Kotula       |
| Hunter Cornelison | Larry Dowdy        | Nolan Cochran    | Victor Hernandez   |
| Hunter Marett     | Lawrence Haley     | Payton Graham    | Wesley Barker      |
| Jacob Barnhart    | Mario Brandon, Jr. | Phillip Davis    | Zach Scandrett     |
| Jacob Blackert    | Matt Thomas        | Ray Grier        | Zane Andrews       |

**Coaches and Staff:** Coach Mickey Lineberger, Phil Tate, Adam Hodge, Brian Andrews, Scott Lee, Joe Shepherd, Mike Hicks, Kent Hyde, James Justice, Josh Justice, Mitch Painter, Chip Wilson, Shaunte Southern, Jason Lineberger, Sam Montgomery, Jeff Padgett, Mark McLeary, Rev. Joe Lawing, Tom Chao, Dr. David Rinehart, Dr. Michael McCarney, Tracy Watson, Lane Lineberger, Reid Wilson

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