

According to the Gregorian calendar we live in the 21st century. And that number, 21, is now the total of consecutive championships salted away over the years by the women and coaches of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Gymnastics teams. This year's team can stand proud as the latest to make history; and

WHEREAS: At the outset, the Bees fans who were present at the 52nd Ohio High School State Gymnastics Tournament at Hilliard Bradley High School could say, "We know how this movie ends and they were right!" And when the credits rolled there were tears of joy glistening in our team's eyes. Here's a thought for you, those girls on that first of 21 consecutive championship teams are now approaching 40 years of age!! And let's not forget that there are now 24 total championship trophies on the shelves at Gym World, the heralded training facility of the champions; and

WHEREAS: A news writer said that the Bees "took the high road," referring to some "fans" who tried to rattle our team with heckling and jeering. Those classless miscreants screamed in vain because the Bees finished with a score of 147.875, but a microscope is necessary to see the difference between them and runner up Magnificat at 147.825!! How many times over the years has Magnificat finished second to the Bees?! and

WHEREAS: State qualifiers on the vault were Gianna Ravagnani who took a 4th, Abby Pignatiello and Olivia Vasile. On the bars, Jeanne Winzen, Lea Haverdill and Olivia Vasile. On the beam, Olivia Vasile and Rachel Kirin and on the floor ex, Gianna Ravagnani, Rachel Kelly and Rachel Kirin; and

WHEREAS: Coach Maria Ganim Schneider, daughter of the legendary Joan and Ron Ganim, was assisted by Leah Miko, an alum of the dynasty. The Brecksville-Broadview Heights Bees women still reside in "BEE-lieve-ville!!" So, what about next year for the program that does not cut a girl? Why not 22?! Let's just think back to the words of Ron Ganim, "We don't rebuild, we reload!"

NOW THEREFORE: I, Daryl J. Kingston, Mayor of the City of Brecksville, do hereby call upon the citizens of this fine community to pay tribute with great admiration the reigning 2024 Ohio State Champion Brecksville-Broadview Heights Bees Gymnastics team, and extend enthusiastic congratulations to these extraordinary young women and their coaches, on behalf of the Administration and City Council of the City of Brecksville.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Mayor of the City of Brecksville on this 7th day of May, 2024.

Daryl J. Kingston, Mayor