

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO WOMEN'S CROSS
3 COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM.

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5 WHEREAS, in one of the most dominating performances in
6 national collegiate athletic association history, the number
7 one university of New Mexico women's cross country team won
8 its first national title on November 15, 2015 at the national
9 collegiate athletic association division one cross country
10 championships; and

11 WHEREAS, the Lobos' championship is the second national
12 collegiate athletic association title in university of New
13 Mexico history; and

14 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's talented quad of
15 runners lived up to their reputation as the team to beat,
16 running through the thirty-one-team field to an eighty-point
17 victory over runner-up Colorado; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico's margin of victory is the fifth
19 largest in national collegiate athletic association history
20 and the best since 2004; and

21 WHEREAS, senior Courtney Frerichs led the Lobo runners
22 over the women's six-kilometer course, placing fourth overall
23 in nineteen minutes, forty-eight seconds; and

24 WHEREAS, Courtney was the Lobos' top runner at four of
25 the five meets at which the team ran in 2015, and her finish

1 is the best in the university of New Mexico women's cross
2 country program history; and

3 WHEREAS, sophomore Alice Wright was not far behind
4 Courtney, finishing fifth overall, followed by junior Rhona
5 Auckland, who finished thirteenth overall, senior Calli
6 Thackery, who finished fifteenth overall, and senior Molly
7 Renfer, who finished twenty-fourth overall; and

8 WHEREAS, all five athletes earned all-American honors,
9 making them the first women's team to have five all-Americans
10 in a single championship since Villanova in 2009; and

11 WHEREAS, rounding out the New Mexico contingent, Heleene
12 Tabet finished seventy-fourth and Whitney Thornburg finished
13 one hundred ninth; and

14 WHEREAS, New Mexico head coach Joe Franklin had nothing
15 but praise for the championship winners who earned the right
16 to wear turquoise and represent New Mexico;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
19 university of New Mexico women's cross country team be
20 congratulated on its national collegiate athletic association
21 division one cross country championship win; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to coach Joe Franklin and the university of New
24 Mexico women's cross country team.