

**2015 RES-535**

**CONGRATULATING THE 2015-16 MADISON MEMORIAL SPARTANS  
BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM**

**WHEREAS** the James Madison Memorial High School Spartans boys swimming and diving team capped off the 2015-16 season by capturing the school's sixth straight and 16<sup>th</sup> overall WIAA Division 1 state title, which is the most state meet championships all-time; and,

**WHEREAS** the Spartans won following a commanding performance that earned them first-place honors with 314 points from 11 Spartan swimmers and divers; and,

**WHEREAS** the Spartans performances were led by seven seniors, Ben Gebhart, Calvin Jensen, Baird Miller, Elliot Patterson, Riley Patton, Rory Sanchez and Justin Temprano; and,

**WHEREAS** the Spartans were well-served by a "three-peat" championship performance Justin Temprano, winning the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 49.49, was just off the Division 1 state record of 49.34; and,

**WHEREAS** the Spartans, for a sixth year in a row, claimed victory in the 200 Yard Medley Relay and, for a fifth year in a row, claimed victory in the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay. Additionally, the Spartans were able to end a two year drought and reclaim the title for the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay; and,

**WHEREAS** the Spartans were ably led to the team championship by Coach Paul Eckerle and his Assistant Coaches Ben Anderson and Karl Richters, all former Spartan Swimming state champions in their own right, and Diving Coach Phil Lyons.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates Coach Paul Eckerle, Coach Ben Anderson, Coach Karl Richters, Diving Coach Phil Lyons and the entire Spartan boys swimming and diving team on their successful season and Division 1 State Championship, adding another banner to the pool wall; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes the support of the parents, Spartans girls swimming and diving team, student body, and all Spartan fans during the championship season; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be presented to the coaches and members of the Spartan boys swimming and diving team.