



RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
CONGRATULATING THE WESTERN WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM**

WHEREAS, The Western Washington University women's soccer team, under the leadership of head coach Travis Connell, won the NCAA Division II National Championship on December 3, 2016 by defeating three-time defending champion Grand Valley State with a 3-2 victory at Swope Soccer Village in Kansas City Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the national championship was the first in the program's history and the 10th team national championship in WWU Athletics history, joining the 2012 Men's Basketball Division II National Championship title, seven consecutive Women's Rowing national titles from 2005-11 and the 1988 NAIA Softball National Championship; and

WHEREAS, the 24-0-1 Vikings captured their first-ever NCAA women's soccer national championship with 24 consecutive victories, breaking the all-time GNAC record for longest winning streak; and

WHEREAS, Sierra Shugarts was named the Defensive MVP and Caitlyn Jobanek was named the Offensive MVP of the National Championship; and

WHEREAS, Sierra Shugarts, Caitlyn Jobanek, Emily Webster, Gabriela Pelogi and Liv Larson were all named to the All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, Sierra Shugarts was named the NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Player of the Year and Sierra Shugarts, Emily Webster, Caitlyn Jobanek and Ashley Homer were all recognized as All-Americans, and Elise Aylward was named an Academic All-American; and

WHEREAS, the team members distinguished themselves in the classroom as well as on the field throughout a rigorous schedule of events; and

WHEREAS, the entire team demonstrated fine sportsmanship and inspired youth to work hard, play well and enjoy athletic competition; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University recognizes the WWU Women's soccer team for its unprecedented accomplishments and extends to the team the Board's sincere congratulations on behalf of the entire university community.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its meeting on February 10, 2017.

ATTEST:

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Sue Sharpe, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Meyer".

John Meyer, Secretary