



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The Dover Robotics Team, comprised of students in grades 7 through 12, demonstrated exceptional dedication, skill, and teamwork during their rookie year in the FIRST Tech Challenge program; and
- WHEREAS:** The team exceeded all expectations by winning six prestigious awards, including the third place Inspire Award, which recognizes teams that best embody the challenge of the FIRST Tech Challenge program and serve as strong ambassadors for FIRST programs and role models for other teams; and
- WHEREAS:** The team also achieved outstanding success by securing a bid to the state championship, where they were awarded the Judges Award for their business acumen and branding standards, showcasing their multifaceted talents and strategic thinking; and
- WHEREAS:** The additional accolades earned by the team include the 1st Place Design Award, recognizing their incorporation of functional and aesthetic industrial design elements into their robot; the 2nd Place Think Award, reflecting their comprehensive journey through the engineering design process; the 1st Place Compass Award, honoring the exceptional guidance and support provided by their adult coach and mentor; and the 1st Place Promote Award, celebrating their compelling video message designed to change our culture and celebrate science, technology, engineering, and math; and
- WHEREAS:** The team members dedicated significant time and effort, meeting 3-4 times a week for 2-3 hours from September to January, and continue to meet twice a week during the off-season to secure sponsorships, schedule outreach events, and enhance their technical skills; and
- WHEREAS:** Despite receiving no school funding, the team's business unit, in their rookie year, successfully secured nearly \$5,000 in grants, ensuring all interested students could participate without financial burden; and
- WHEREAS:** The Dover Robotics Team exemplifies the principles of perseverance, innovation, and community spirit, balancing their robotics commitments with academic responsibilities, part-time jobs, athletics, and other extracurricular activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Carrier, Mayor of the City of Dover, and the entire City Council, do hereby recognize and commend the Dover Robotics Team for their extraordinary achievements, dedication, and contributions to our community. Their accomplishments serve as an inspiration to all, and we celebrate their success and unwavering commitment to excellence in the field of robotics.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dover to be affixed this 12th Day of June, 2024.

Robert Carrier, Mayor
City of Dover, New Hampshire