

P R O C L A M A T I O N
IN RECOGNITION OF FORT BRAGG HIGH SCHOOL
STATE CHAMPION RUSSEL GORDON

WHEREAS, Fort Bragg High School track coaches Tara and Merle Larson recognized early on that underclassman Russel Gordon was going to blossom as a track star; and

WHEREAS, Gordon competed this year despite a personal tragedy when his father's Fort Bragg business, Gordon's Auto Repair, burned to the ground at a total loss despite the Fire Department's best effort to save it; and

WHEREAS, Russel this year broke the Fort Bragg High School track records in both the 110 and 300 meter hurdles; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bragg High School track team member Russel Gordon went on to break the Redwood Empire record in the 300 and 400 meter hurdles during the 2021 track and field season; and

WHEREAS, Gordon then won the California High School state meet championship by placing first in the 300 meter hurdles; and

WHEREAS, Gordon continued beyond the State meet and traveled to Oregon where he placed seventh in the entire Nation in the 400 meter hurdles; and

WHEREAS, Russel Gordon from Fort Bragg High School made the first team All-State Track and Field Team; and

WHEREAS, Russel also was named the Redwood Empire Athlete of the Year; and

WHEREAS, his amazing accomplishments have been a source of both pride and inspiration for the entire City of Fort Bragg;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bernie Norvell, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby offer congratulations to the 2021 California State Champion in the 300 meter hurdle event and California State first team track star, Fort Bragg's own, Russel Gordon.

SIGNED this 26th day of July, 2021



BERNIE NORVELL, Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk