



CITY OF PALO ALTO OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

April 19, 2021

**The Honorable City Council
Palo Alto, California**

Proclamations Honoring Stanford's NCAA National Champion Women's Basketball Team and Head Coach Tara Vanderveer

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A: Tara VanDerveer (PDF)
- Attachment B: Stanford Women's Basketball Team - 2021 NCAA National Champions (PDF)

Department Head: Beth Minor, City Clerk



Proclamation

HONORING TARA VANDERVEER

WHEREAS, Tara VanDerveer has led her teams to three national championships, including this trying and uniquely challenging COVID-19 year of 2021 which saw the team on a road trip of almost ten weeks, playing only 6 real home games; also compiling a remarkable record of 14 NCAA Final Four appearances; 21 NCAA Elite 8 appearances; 27 Sweet 16 appearances; 33 NCAA Tournament appearances and 24 PAC 12/10 championships; and

WHEREAS, Tara VanDerveer has been honored by her peers and others associated with women's basketball by being named National Coach of the Year five times, including this current year; three times named the Naismith Coach of the Year, including this current year and 16 times PAC 12/10 Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, during the 2020-2021 season, Tara VanDerveer became the winningest women's basketball coach by surpassing the record held by late Tennessee coach Pat Summitt and finished the season with 1125 career wins, beginning at Idaho and Ohio State and with over 970 of those at Stanford University; and

WHEREAS, Tara VanDerveer coached the 1996 US National Team to Olympic Gold going undefeated in 60 games; and

WHEREAS, Tara VanDerveer, teacher, motivator and mentor has played an important part in her players' lives, encouraging and enabling them to succeed wherever their journeys have taken them. She has had 30 of her players go on to play in the WNBA, including 2016 MVP Nneka Ogumike. She has 21 coaches or women engaged in basketball management to her credit; and

WHEREAS, Tara VanDerveer has been an outspoken advocate for equity not only for the young women engaged in her program and in the sport of basketball but for women who aspire to enter the field of coaching. For her work and inspiration in this endeavor, she has been honored by the Women's Sports Foundation by establishment of the VanDerveer Fund for the Advancement of Women in Coaching.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom DuBois, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby recognize and applaud Tara VanDerveer, the Setsuko Ishiyama Director of Women's Basketball at Stanford University and look forward to her continued success both on and off the court.

PRESENTED: April 19, 2021

Tom DuBois
Mayor



Proclamation

STANFORD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM 2021 NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, the Stanford Women's Basketball Team overcame the hardships and uncertainties of this COVID-19 pandemic year, spending almost 10 weeks on the road, travelling almost 7500 miles; living out of suitcases in hotels; having only their teammates, coaches and staff as in person contacts and in the end persevered to win the 2021 Women's National Championship; and

WHEREAS, the team captured the PAC 12 season crown; won the PAC 12 tournament and had six of its 12 roster players recognized with PAC 12 honors; and

WHEREAS, the team packed their bags once again and traveled to San Antonio, TX where all of the NCAA Women's Tournament games were played, playing six games in two weeks, in the process breaking the tournament all-time 3-point shot record by scoring on 59 of their attempts; and

WHEREAS, as Coach VanDerveer noted, this team was like an orchestra with a different soloist each night. During the tournament each of the 12 rostered players saw playing time in at least two of their six games. Over the course of the tournament eight different Stanford players scored in double figures. Lexie Hull was named to the All-Tournament Team along with teammate and Tournament Most Outstanding Player, Haley Jones; and

WHEREAS, throughout the season, the team outpaced its opponents in scoring, field goals attempted and made, 3-point shots attempted and made, free throw percentage, rebounds, assists, steals and blocks.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom DuBois, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby recognize and send up a big cheer for the 2020-2021 Stanford Women's Basketball Team and applaud them for their extraordinary perseverance, resilience and excellence that has brought honor to their team, their university and to our community.

PRESENTED TO: Francesca Belibi, Cameron Brink, Agnes Emma-Nnoku, Lacie Hull, Lexie Hull, Alyssa Jerome, Haley Jones, Hannah Jump, Ashten Prechtel, Jana Van Geytenbeek, Kiana Williams, Anna Wilson, Tara VanDerveer, Head Coach, Kate Paye, Associate Head Coach, Katy Steding, Assistant Coach, and Britney Anderson, Assistant Coach.

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