

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Eagle Scout is the highest honor of Scouting and is achieved only through dedication, community service and hard work; and,

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is a lifelong honor, and is respected by all persons familiar with Scouting; and,

WHEREAS, **SAWYER SMITH** of Troop 55, has stayed the course and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in which he Restored the Wrought Iron Fence and Gate at Freeman Gardens. Refinishing the fence and gate to its original state required extensive cleaning, scraping and sanding of flaking paint and rust, then priming and final painting within the parameters of strict Covid guidelines at the time. As the Freeman Garden grounds are maintained by funds raised through private donations and volunteers, refinishing of the wrought iron fence and gate has saved the association thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS, **MYLES REDA** of Troop 55, has stayed the course and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in which he designed, funded and installed a pollination garden for bees at Freeman Gardens in Glen Ridge. This pollination garden project also will continue to raise awareness for the population crisis that many pollinating bees are facing, and educates visitors on what they could do to help the bees by planting certain types of flowers; and

WHEREAS, **SAMUEL AUBORN** of Troop 55, has stayed the course and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in which he designed, funded, and manufactured 400 face shields for local front line workers at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. Specifically, these went to Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge, Montclair and Bloomfield Police Departments. This gave protection to those helping our community at the beginning of the pandemic, when Personal Protective Equipment was in short supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, Stuart K. Patrick, Mayor of The Borough of Glen Ridge, with the advice and consent of The Borough Council, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 12, 2021 to be “**Glen Ridge Eagle Scout Day**” in The Borough of Glen Ridge in honor of the achievement of these young men, and I call upon all of our citizens to recognize, respect and congratulate them, and their Troop leaders for their accomplishments.

Stuart K. Patrick, Mayor