

# *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, CIARAN BRACKEN** of Troop 855, has stayed the course and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in which he built a vegetable garden in Freeman Garden's to supply local Food Pantries with fresh produce during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The garden produced over 150 pounds of fresh produce at a time of great need, during the summer of 2020. The produce was delivered as it became ready to Toni's Kitchen and the Human Needs Food Pantry. Additionally, Ciaran built and installed a sign for the garden to help recruit volunteers to assist with all the tasks that need to be done to keep Freeman Gardens the pride of our town; and

**WHEREAS, CHRISTOPHER BROWN** of Troop 855, has stayed the course and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in which he led a team to construct and replace the deteriorating garden boxes in the Benson Street Community Garden. During the COVID-19 lockdown, wood was scarce and expensive. This led to the use of concrete to fabricate eight durable and long-lasting garden boxes for growing vegetables. Chris worked closely with the Kiwanis Club for funding and was able to secure donations in kind from Home Depot and Lowe's. His project resulted in the reestablishment of a garden that produces fresh vegetables for local kitchens in the area; and

**WHEREAS, TIMOTHY "ZANE" PAGANO** of Troop 855, has stayed the course and earned the rank of Eagle Scout by creating a bicycle safety Education program flier which was distributed to all 2,500 households within the Borough. His service project also consisted of the installation of four self-service bicycle repair stations, one at the Glen Ridge Train Station and three others near the schools. This project was executed with the assistance of several Borough Departments and has quickly proven to be an asset to cyclist of all ages.

**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 18, 2022 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.

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Stuart K. Patrick, Mayor