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Proclamation recognizing ***Luke Lipowcan*** upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award.

WHEREAS, founded in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest scouting organizations and youth organizations in the United States, with more than 2.4 million youth participants. Boy Scouts of America goal is to train youth in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities, educational programs, and, at older age levels, career-oriented programs in partnership with community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program. After a lengthy review process, only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted the Eagle Scout rank. Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges. The Eagle Scout must demonstrate Scout spirit, an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath, Law and Mission, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages; and

WHEREAS, ***Luke Lipowcan***, a Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School student and a member of Boy Scout Troop 296 of Brentwood was recently presented the Eagle Scout Award; and

WHEREAS, roughly one year ago, ***Luke*** began planning his Eagle Scout project. He opted to honor those who dedicated their lives to serve their country with a veterans monument at the Jefferson Memorial Cemetery in Pleasant Hills. A total of \$4,000 was raised to help design the monument which bears the seals of all five service branches and inscribed with a line from Theodore O'Hara's poem "Bivouac of the Dead." Also, ***Luke*** organized 40 volunteers to help clean and reposition over 1,000 grave markers in the veterans section of the Jefferson Memorial Cemetery;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Council Member John Palmiere, do hereby

commend and recognize ***Luke Lipowcan*** upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award, and we congratulate him for dedicating time, leadership, creativity and effort to making his community better.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 15th day of January 2019.