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Proclamation recognizing Thomas Kelly 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. The 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, which requires 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, *Thomas Kelly*, a junior at Hampton High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 329 of McCandless, was recently presented the Eagle Scout Award; and

WHEREAS, approximately a year ago, *Thomas* began planning his Eagle Scout project. He opted to build a chimney swift tower for the Allegheny Land Trust's Irwin Run Conservation Area in Gibsonia, Pa. With the help of twelve youth and four adult volunteers, *Thomas* spent 120 hours constructing the chimney swift tower, which is currently registered with the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Council Member Cindy Kirk, do hereby commend and recognize *Thomas Kelly* 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 27th day of January 2020.