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Proclamation recognizing ***Ben McClelland*** 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, ***Ben McClelland***, a member of Boy Scout Troop 329 in McCandless, has recently met all necessary requirements to advance to the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, ***Ben*** designed a prayer space for his new parish grouping, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The new space provides a much-needed oasis for the parishioners to come together in one central location to pray and worship; and

WHEREAS, over the years, ***Ben*** has served numerous leadership roles for the Boy Scouts of America including, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and he was recently nominated to the honor society of the Boy Scouts of America, Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, ***Ben*** revived the troop's bugler position and is currently the only member of Troop 329 to have the bugling merit badge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny Council Member Cindy Kirk, do hereby commend and recognize ***Ben McClelland*** 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 19th day of July 2021.