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Proclamation recognizing **Katy Appleman** upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award and congratulating her for being the first female eagle scout in the Laurel Highlands council.

WHEREAS, **Katy Appleman**, a senior at Shady Side Academy, became the first female eagle scout in the Laurel Highlands council; and

WHEREAS, during her sophomore year of high school, **Katy** joined Scouts BSA; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Scouts BSA's program has elevated **Katy's** fascination with wilderness skills, deepened her understanding of what it means to be a citizen, and introduced her to a community of welcoming people from a variety of backgrounds, who share an appreciation for the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, **Katy** is passionate about Scout BSA's strong and supportive community, as well as, the rare learning environment. Scout BSA has equipped Katy with tools to further her passions, make new connections, and positively shape her character and community in several ways; and

WHEREAS, one of the ways Scouts BSA has benefited **Katy** is equipping her with leadership skills. For two terms, Katy was elected to Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) of her troop. She worked side-by-side with other sister troop's SPL to plan meetings and brainstorm activities to keep scouts engaged during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, **Katy** and other SPLs worked to teach different merit badges over zoom meetings, along with organizing two separate virtual merit badge universities, resulting in record-breaking numbers of merit badges earned in either troop; and

WHEREAS, summer 2021, **Katy** completed her Eagle Project where she organized the removal of Japanese Barberry, a harmful non-native invasive species, in a square acre of land in North Park, where it had become significantly overgrown; and

WHEREAS, *Katy's* project allowed her to practice planning, organizing, and the necessary communication skills which are required for these types of service projects; and

WHEREAS, through *Katy's* experience in scouting, she was able to prepare and plan a project to benefit the ecosystem in PA waterways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny Council Member Anita Prizio, do hereby commend and recognize *Katy Appleman* upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award, and congratulate her for being the first female eagle scout in the Laurel Highlands council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 21st day of December 2021.