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WHEREAS, **Theodore Vincent Kondrich**, a resident of Pittsburgh's Swisshelm Park neighborhood, is a member of Boy Scout Troop 23, part of the Lackawanna District of the Laurel Highlands Council; and

WHEREAS, **Theodore** has made public service a hallmark of his seven-year tenure in Troop 23, lending his time and energy to multiple service and volunteer projects, including the Annual Edgewood Community Memorial Day Celebration and Service, Edgewood Community Days, Scouting for Food, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Gift Distribution and Clothing Drives, the Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale's Annual Jubilarian Brunch, Appalachian Outreach's Annual Santa Shoebox Project, and more. **Theodore** is also actively involved in the Word of God Catholic Parish, where he serves as an Altar Server; and

WHEREAS, the highest honor in Boy Scouts is the attainment and awarding of the rank of Eagle Scout. According to the National Eagle Scout Association, only roughly five percent of all Boy Scouts who participate in the program ever earn this honorific, which represents years' worth of hard work, upstanding virtue, integrity, community service, and sense of self; and

WHEREAS, prior to earning the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout must develop, plan, and implement a major service project that benefits an outside organization or community. Demonstrating his impeccable leadership skills, **Theodore** led a fundraising effort that brought in the necessary support and in-kind donations to renovate four classrooms at the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's Administrative Center on Pittsburgh's North Side. Marshalling support from his fellow Boy Scouts and volunteers, **Theodore**'s efforts converted the four classrooms into bedrooms and a recreation lounge for homeless families served by Family Promise of Southwestern Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, throughout his time as a Boy Scout, **Theodore** has exemplified the characteristics encouraged through the Boy Scout Law: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. **Theodore** will undoubtedly continue to embody these traits, and continue to serve his community now that he has attained the rank of Eagle Scout and joins the more than 2 million fellow Eagle Scouts who have earned that rank since 1912; and

NOW, *THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Theodore Kondrich** on his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.