

# ***PROCLAMATION***

WHEREAS, the mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law, and scouts achieve their ranking by fulfilling requirements in areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills, and

WHEREAS, the Trail to the Eagle is a very steep slope with only 4% of all scouts achieving this highest ranking, that of Eagle Scout, and this comes only after earning the twenty-one necessary badges including First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Environmental Science, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Camping and Family Life, in addition to developing skills in Emergency Preparedness and Lifesaving and a choice among Cycling, Hiking and Swimming, all of which must be completed by the scouts 18th birthday, and

WHEREAS, Zachary Fortier has fulfilled all of the aforementioned requirements in addition to completing his Eagle Scout Project, a project that encompasses all aspects of the candidate's leadership training and involves the planning, development, leadership and eventual documentation of a project whose sole benefit is to the community at large. Zachary Fortier Eagle Scout Project involved the construction of a Vegetable Garden, the food grown in the garden will be served in the school cafeteria and when school is not in session the food will be donated to a local food pantry, and

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of High Bridge on behalf of all its residents joins with Troop 149 in recognizing this bright and outstanding young man for his many accomplishments and specifically his receiving the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, and hereby proclaims that, Saturday, January 17th, 2015, the day of Zachary's Court of Honor, as Zachary Fortier Day in the Borough of High Bridge.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the Borough Of High Bridge to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2015.

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Mark Desire, Mayor

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Lynn Hughes, Council President

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Councilwoman Scarcia

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Councilwoman Shipp

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Councilman Strange

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Adam Young, Deputy Clerk