

**STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, MAY 26, 2016**

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 26 day of May, 2016, a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout is a well-recognized and prestigious accomplishment that since its inception in 1912, only 2% of eligible Scout have received Scouting's highest honor; and

WHEREAS, to reach the rank of Eagle Scout, a Scout must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, demonstrate leadership within their troop, and plan, develop, and execute an Eagle Scout Service Project that further demonstrates their leadership and their commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Thomas John Sawyer has been a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 335 since 2012, and will be graduating from Kenmore East where he was involved in several student organizations, and where he earned the Excellence in Science award for the Class of 2016 and was a member of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Thomas' Eagle Scout Service Project entailed reclaiming land, cutting overgrown trees and weeds and cleaning up the parking lot at the David J. McKeever Post 64, showing Thomas' ability to recognize an issue and work towards resolving it; and

WHEREAS, due to the level of difficulty to obtain and the characteristics it represents, the rank of Eagle Scout is often seen by collegiate institutions and employers as a great supplement to applications and can lead to exclusive scholarships and opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to congratulate Thomas John Sawyer on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Hon. Patrick B. Burke
Erie County Legislator, 7th District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk, Erie County Legislature