

A PROCLAMATION SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATOR MILLER-WILLIAMS

I **HEREBY CERTIFY**, that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, to be held in Old County Hall in the City of Buffalo, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2016, a resolution will be adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, Brandon Barksdale is an active member of the St. Martin De Porres Boy Scout Troop #139, an inner city troop located in Buffalo New York with over sixty Cubs and Scouts, he has demonstrated leadership within Troop #139 and his commitment to service in the community. He will be honored for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, becoming the second Eagle Scout from Troop #139 to accomplish this much revered distinction, during an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon Barksdale is a student at Frederick Law Olmsted, where he participates in basketball, football, baseball, as well as playing saxophone in the school band, he has also been in Scouting since 2006. He has grown into an outstanding young man during his time with the Scouts receiving the Youth of the Year Award in 2013 at his church St. Martin De Porres and Scout of the Year Award in 2014 at Troop #139. He was also recognized throughout the community and was awarded the NAACP-Buffalo Youth Award in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon Barksdale's Eagle Scout Service Project was held on June 4, 2016 where he organized and facilitated a Health Fair in support of his nephew, Jihad Moore, who has Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Brandon has continued to demonstrate his commitment to bringing awareness and assistance to his community and made the outreach a success; and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon Barksdale, in addition to the innovative Health Fair project, has worked hard to earn 21 merit badges, has demonstrated the "Scout Spirit" of service and leadership and is well deserving of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. His mother, Leona Harper, serves as Committee Chair for Troop #139, providing constant motivation to Brandon during the long and challenging path a Scout must take to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

**NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the outstanding accomplishment of Brandon Barksdale and his journey to complete all requirements to attain the coveted rank of Eagle Scout.