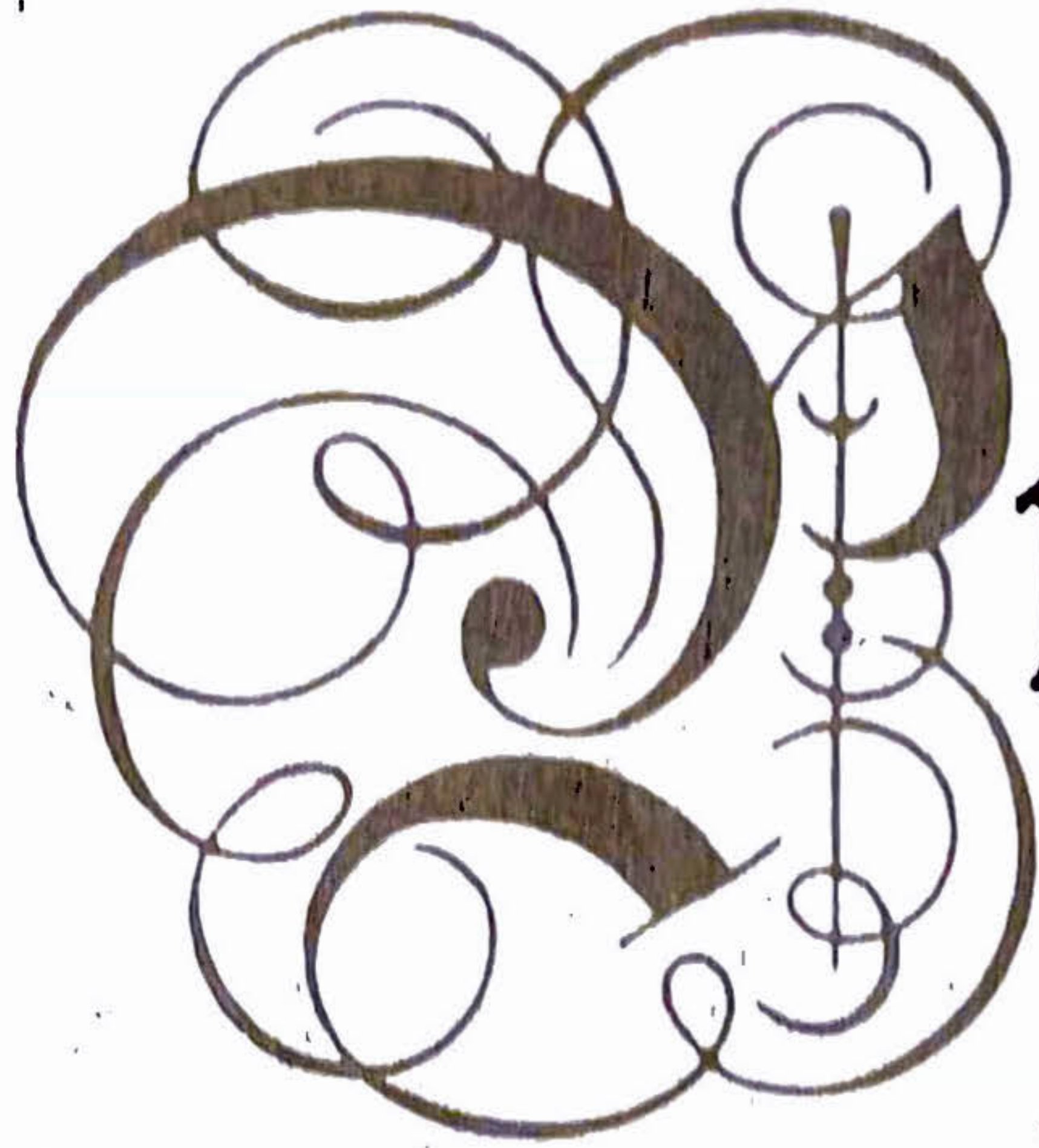


Westchester County
Board of Legislators



Proclamation

Whereas,

1998 MARKS THE 82ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF BRONXVILLE AND, OVER THE COURSE OF THE PAST EIGHT DECADES, THE YOUNG MEN WHO HAVE PASSED THROUGH ITS RANKS HAVE LEFT A REMARKABLE LEGACY OF SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENT, AND

WHEREAS, IN 1919, THE SCOUTS WERE GIVEN PERMISSION BY L.B. HOLLERAN OF THE BRONX PARKWAY COMMISSION TO ERECT A CABIN OF ADIRONDACK FOREST LOGS ON THE BRONX RIVER PARKWAY RESERVATION. THE SCOUT PROGRAM BECAME SO POPULAR THAT, IN 1938, A DRIVE WAS LAUNCHED TO BUILD A NEW, ENLARGED CABIN. THIS BUILDING LASTED UNTIL 1988 WHEN IT WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE AND 56 YEARS OF SCOUTING MEMORABILIA, FILES AND EQUIPMENT WERE LOST TO THE FLAMES. THE COMMUNITY RALLIED TO REBUILD THE CABIN AND, ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1989, A NEW CABIN WAS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF THE REVEREND OTIS TIFFANY BARNES, THE AREA'S FIRST SCOUTMASTER AND FOUNDER OF THE BRONXVILLE BOY SCOUTS, AND

WHEREAS, THE BRONXVILLE SCOUT COMMITTEE WAS INCORPORATED IN 1982. THIS ALLOWED ITS INDIVIDUAL TROOPS, TROOP 1 AND TROOP II WHICH WERE ESTABLISHED IN 1920; AND TROOP 3 AND TROOP 4 WHICH WERE ESTABLISHED IN 1927, TO BECOME PART OF THE NEWLY-CREATED BRONX VALLEY COUNCIL, AND

WHEREAS, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAKES THE BRONXVILLE SCOUT COMMITTEE UNIQUE IS THAT MOST SCOUT TROOPS AND PACKS MEET IN CHURCH ROOMS AND SCHOOL GYMS, PLACES NOT SET ASIDE EXCLUSIVELY FOR SCOUT ACTIVITY. THE BOY SCOUT CABIN, LOCATED ON THE "WESTCHESTER COUNTY PARKWAY COMMISSION PROPERTY", BELONGS TO AND EXCLUSIVELY SERVES THE NEEDS OF THE CUB PACKS AND TROOPS 1, 2, 4 AND 5 OF THE BRONX VALLEY COUNCIL (SCOUTS RESIDING IN YONKERS, BRONXVILLE, TUCKAHOE, MOUNT VERNON AND WESTCHESTER), AND

WHEREAS, THE SCOUT CABIN HAS A RICH HISTORICAL PAST. IN THE LATE 1930'S, A YOUNG JOHN F. KENNEDY ATTENDED HIS BOY SCOUT MEETINGS THERE. IN ADDITION, THE LAND UPON WHICH THE SCOUT CABIN WAS SITUATED AND ITS ADJACENT FIELDS WERE DEEDED TO THE COUNTY WHEN THE BRONX RIVER PARKWAY WAS CONSTRUCTED WITH THE PROVISION THAT THE SCOUT CABIN BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SCOUTS, AND

WHEREAS, THE BRONXVILLE SCOUT COMMITTEE AND ITS SCOUT CABIN ARE A VERY SPECIAL PART OF WESTCHESTER'S RICH HISTORY, AND IT IS FITTING THAT WE HONOR THEM FOR THEIR 82 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE YOUNG MEN OF OUR COUNTY, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN JOINING WITH THEIR COLLEAGUE, KATHERINE S. CARSKY, COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPRESENTING THE 17TH DISTRICT, TO HONOR THE BRONXVILLE SCOUT COMMITTEE. WE PAY SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO ALL OF THE SCOUTMASTERS AND TROOP LEADERS WHO HAVE GIVEN SO GENEROUSLY OF THEIR TIME, TALENT AND ENERGY TO HELP ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNG BOYS GROW INTO OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1998, BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY DECLARED "BRONXVILLE SCOUT COMMITTEE DAY" IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE TEXT OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE CARRIED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER FOR ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL TO FOREVER KNOW.

Given Under My Hand and Seal this 23rd Day of FEBRUARY, 1998


Chairman


Legislator