



*Township of Washington, Warren County,*

*State of New Jersey      Established 1849*

**PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE JOHN IKE SMITH  
FOR HIS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS, Ike Smith, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 53, is a candidate working towards attaining the designation of "Eagle Scout", Scouting's highest award; and**

**WHEREAS, Ike Smith has been an active scout demonstrating outstanding leadership and has contributed many service hours during his years of scouting; and**

**WHEREAS, Ike's Eagle Scout project involved the planning, organization, and solicitation of materials and donations to construct walkover bridges and re-route pathways at the Lake Marguerite Wildlife Refuge and Griffith Woods Natural Area. Ike's project included the building and construction of two bridges over streams one of which was 16 ft. long and the other was 10 ft. long. To cross the larger stream people had to step on rocks to get across and when it rained the rocks were often covered in water. The path approaching the smaller stream was muddy and people would have to cross a shallow stream bed. Ike planned and designed the bridges and constructed them with treated lumber, concrete blocks, rebar, large bolts and coated deck screws. He also re-routed a section of the trail to avoid the muddy section of the path; and**

**WHEREAS, Ike adopted these trails, handling routine maintenance and making trail maps available at the entrance for the past few years; and**

**WHEREAS, this project will benefit those visiting and/or using the pathways at the Lake Marguerite Wildlife Refuge and Griffith Woods Natural Area for many years to come.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Washington extends to Ike Smith individually, collectively, and with great pride, their sincere congratulations for completing his Eagle Scout Project and achieving this highest of scouting awards which symbolizes the American Ideal of good citizenship; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Committee wishes Ike Smith much success in all his future endeavors.**

**Proclaimed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013**

Mayor Robert J. Klingel, Washington Township

ATTEST:

Township Clerk