

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the vision of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young men to become responsible, participating citizens and leaders, who are guided by the Scout Oath and Law; and

**WHEREAS**, for his Eagle Scout project, Watchung resident Matthew Ryan King and life member of the Patriots Path Council, Troop 32, chose to commemorate the Veterans from the area of Watchung who served to keep our country free; and

**WHEREAS**, Matthew, spent countless hours researching the history of individuals buried in God's Acre Cemetery, that until this project was implemented, was neglected, over-grown with vegetation, had deteriorating grave markers sinking into the ground, and in one case no marker at all; and

**WHEREAS**, with assistance of his fellow Scouts from Troop 32 and guidance from his Troop Leader Jay Stiles and Project Coach Susan Tucker, Matthew cleaned-up and reset grave markers, removed over-grown vegetation and poison ivy, and most importantly created an on-line data base that will forever document the 23 identifiable stones in the cemetery creating a permanent tribute to those who lost their lives and for the families of those heroes who lost their lives as far back as the Revolutionary and Civil Wars; and

**WHEREAS**, Matthew serves as an example to his peers through his high level of personal achievement, leadership and community service and has made the residents of the Borough of Watchung very proud.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Keith S. Balla, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 5, 2019 as:

## **"Matthew King Day"**

in the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, and on behalf of the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, wish Matthew much success as he pursues his education and achieves his goals.



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Keith S. Balla, Mayor

Date: May 5, 2019