

# Recognizing **BENJAMIN F. JENNINGS**

**WHEREAS:** Washington Township takes great pride in the accomplishments of its youth in all activities and in recognizing young people who have aspired to excellence in the classroom, through the community or in the field of scouting; and

**WHEREAS:** Benjamin Jennings joined Cub Scouts at the age of seven. He went through the ranks to earn his Arrow of Light Award, the highest Cub Scout Award, then became a Boy Scout in March of 2012. Benjamin took on the position of Den Leader for Pack 81 in October 2012. He completed his Order of the Arrow Ordeal in May 2013 and his Order of the Arrow Brotherhood in May 2014. Benjamin attended the National Order of the Arrow Convention in Michigan in 2015 for the 100 year anniversary; and

**WHEREAS:** Benjamin Jennings has been to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico numerous times. This July, Benjamin went with the Garden State Council to Philmont to do the Back Country Trek, which consisted of hiking at altitudes of 11,000 feet, and completed 75 miles. It was an experience of a lifetime for Benjamin; and

**WHEREAS:** Benjamin Jennings has completed 49 merit badges, hiked 106 miles, completed over 145 hours of service and has a total of 234 camp nights. Benjamin has received several other awards. In 2012, he received the Gettysburg Award, Recruiter Award and Totin Chip. In 2014, the World Conservation Award, Ad Altare Dei, Polar Bear Club and Scuba BSA.

**WHEREAS:** Benjamin Jennings chose to do his Eagle Project for Gloucester Township Elementary School. They were in need of new bookshelves. The school is very old and the furniture they had was worn out and falling apart. New bookshelves helped in many ways. They are safer, look nicer and allow many more books to be organized and more readily available for the children to use. Benjamin, with the help of his Scout Master, family and friends, spent 102 hours building and delivering the bookshelves to the school.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016, it is hereby declared that I, Barbara A. Wallace, Mayor of Washington Township and representing its people, recognize with pride the outstanding accomplishments of Benjamin F. Jennings; an asset to his family, friends and the community in which he has served throughout his scouting and scholastic career. Best wishes for success in all your ambitions!