

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION FORMALLY RECOGNIZING THE NINETY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUT TROOP #533 AND ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WHEREAS, Boy Scout Troop #533 was organized in 1927 by Mr. Maury Kraay, an eighth grader attending Munster Public Schools who gathered classmates, local boys, and a retired school principal to form Munster's Boy Scout Troop; and

WHEREAS, Troop #533 has positively influenced countless Munster families by leading many boys to success and producing over 100 Eagle Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Troop #533 has had a succession of wonderful Scout Masters, including a soldier named Ray Kaske, who encouraged long military drills and marching; and

WHEREAS, Troop #533 was present on June 14, 1927 when President Coolidge dedicated Wicker Park in Highland, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, The Munster Lions Club, founded in the 1930's, sponsors Troop #533; and

WHEREAS, Troop #533 became heavily involved in the World War II effort by organizing parades and rallies for war bonds, planting and maintaining gardens for local consumption, practicing blackout drills, carrying warden messages and reports to sector headquarters, and participating in wartime recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, During the dawn of Cub Scouting in the 1960's, Troop #533 organized Packs in the Munster elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, the Town of Munster requested that Troop #533 do a presentation of colors in dedication of the first Town Council meeting held in the Town's newly constructed municipal complex; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, Troop #533 began leading the Independence Park Fourth of July Parade, which it continues to do to this day; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Troop #533 was approached by the Munster Park District to put on "Fright Night," later renamed "A Night Walk in Bieker Woods;" and

WHEREAS, In September 2008, Troop #533 assisted with filling sandbags to prepare for the Little Calumet River flood and helped with yard clean-up, raking, moving dirt, and re-graveling driveways after the flood; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Troop #533 initiated "Flags across Munster" with 120 customers and an intention to expand this program; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, Troop #533 was invited to open the presentation at the Eternal Valor Foundation Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Munster is in favor of allowing Troop #533 to hold a celebration in Town to honor their ninety-fifth anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That the Town of Munster publicly recognizes and congratulates Troop #533 for providing ninety-five years of service to the community and continuing to be a very active organization.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED, this 15th day of August 2022 by the Town Council of the Town of Munster, Lake County, Indiana, by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed.

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
MUNSTER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**

Chuck Gardiner, President

ATTEST:

Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer