



# City of McKinney Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Twenty years ago with the help of a handful of volunteers in 1996 a small group of McKinney, Texas residents gathered to form Boy Scout Troop 496 of the Lone Star District; and has been sponsored by Trinity Presbyterian Church since inception; and

**WHEREAS,** The Boy Scouts and Leaders of Troop 496 continue to be a shining example of young men who live by the Boy Scout Motto: "On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty, to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."; and

**WHEREAS,** McKinney Texas and North Texas are enriched by the scouts who work every day to live by The Boy Scout Law: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent; and

**WHEREAS,** Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting. A Scout who attains this rank is part of a very small percentage of Boy Scouts. More than 50 young men from BSA Troop 496 have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. These young men have lived by the Boy Scout Motto and Law and have grown into community leaders and continue to support the community and the principals of Scouting.

**WHEREAS,** Since 1912 over 2.5 million Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank. Troop 496 has about a 15% rate of boys who become Eagle Scouts whereas the National average is around 5% of all Boy Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank.


**WHEREAS,** As we celebrate Troop 496's 20<sup>th</sup> year in McKinney, we recognize their contribution of nearly 11,000 hours of community service, Eagle Scout Projects and leadership to the City of McKinney and Collin County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN LOUGHMILLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 23-24, 2016 AS**

## Boy Scouts of America Troop 496 Days

in McKinney, Texas, and urge the citizens of McKinney to recognize the contributions made by Boy Scouts, their leaders and the Scouting Principals.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

  
Brian Loughmiller, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Sandy Hart, City Secretary

