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..Title
Honoring and Recognizing the Boy Scouts of America's 108th birthday, and their dedication to improving the lives of the children of Philadelphia through leadership development and volunteer services.

..Body
WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America were founded on February 8th, 1910 by William D. Boyce, after being inspired to create the organization when he became lost in London and received help from a British Boy Scout; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America work hard to instill community values on scouts from a young age, encouraging them to become responsible citizens. Some of these community values are; loyalty, helpfulness, kindness, bravery, cleanliness and reverence onto their scouts; and

WHEREAS, To instill these community values and to produce responsible citizens, Boy Scouts begin with the Cub Scouts at age 5, and may continue all the way up to the Sea Scouts at age 21; and

WHEREAS, From a young age, the Boy Scouts of America encourage leadership not only from the scouts, but from their parents as well, getting them involved as early as possible and setting a positive examples for the children; and

WHEREAS, As the children grow older, the expectation is that their parents will take a step back, and allow the children to develop a sense of pride, leadership and responsibility. With further aging, the scouts begin to go on camping trips and traveling trips, exposing them to the outdoors and developing a problem-solving thought process; and

WHEREAS, The primary developmental tool used by the boy scouts to encourage critical thinking and problem-solving, are merit badges. These badges challenge a scout to any number of tasks, from learning about other cultures, to education, to sporting, to arts, to business; and

WHEREAS, Scouts are encouraged to diversify the types of badges they pursue, expanding their knowledge and expanding their view of the world with every badge they earn; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor, recognize, and celebrate the 108th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America, along with their dedication to the youth of Philadelphia.

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