

**RESOLUTION Designating February 8, 2010, as
'Boy Scouts of America Day',**

AGENDA ITEM 8
1/19/10

WHEREAS the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated by the Chicago publisher William Boyce on February 8, 1910, after William Boyce learned of the Scouting movement during a visit to London; and

WHEREAS on June 21, 1910, a group of 34 national representatives met, developed organization plans, and opened a temporary national headquarters for the Boy Scouts of America in New York; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to teach the youth of the United States patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred values; and

WHEREAS by 1912, Boy Scouts were enrolled in every State; and

WHEREAS in 1916, Congress granted the Boy Scouts of America a Federal charter; and

WHEREAS each local Boy Scout Council commits each Boy Scout to perform 12 hours of community service yearly, for a total of 30,000,000 community service hours each year; and

WHEREAS since 1910, more than 111,000,000 people have been members of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS Boy Scouts are found in 185 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS the Boy Scouts of America presented the 2 millionth Eagle Scout award in 2009; and

WHEREAS more than 1,000,000 adult volunteer leaders selflessly serve young people in their communities through organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS the adult volunteer leaders of the Boy Scouts of America often neither receive nor seek the gratitude of the public; and

WHEREAS the Boy Scouts of America endeavors to develop United States citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit, have a high degree of self-reliance demonstrated by such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness, have personal values based on religious concepts, have the desire and skills to help others, understand the principles of the social, economic, and governmental systems of the United States, take pride in the heritage of the United States and understand the role of the United States in the world, have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people, and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to the society of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Manassas Park, Virginia meeting in regular session on January 19 1010 hereby designates February 8, 2010, as 'Boy Scouts of America Day', in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the largest youth scouting organization in the United States.

Frank Jones, Mayor

Lana A. Conner, City Clerk