



Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

PROCLAMATION

**Honoring Elijah James Stocker
Eagle Scout Recipient**

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo County, a place for families in the heart of the Southwest Michigan, takes pride in its sense of community and citizen involvement; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare every eligible youth in America to become responsible, participating citizens and leaders, who are guided by the Scout Oath and Law; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America encourage Eagle Scout candidates to complete worthy projects to improve their neighborhoods, their community and the region; and

WHEREAS, EJ will be graduating from Portage Northern High School this June and plans on starting towards a bachelor's, and then a master's degree, in social work through Western Michigan University. His future career aspiration is to become a therapist for youth; and

WHEREAS, EJ received the rank of Eagle Scout on November 21st, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this is the highest award a scout can receive; few youth move up through the ranks of scouting and only about 2% make it all the way to Eagle; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Project, EJ led a team in the cleaning and preparation of the Portage Parks and Recreation Building's outdoor area. Planting, gardening, weeding, as well as repainting the benches and preparing the space for a slight remodel in the spring; and

WHEREAS, EJ has grown into a well-respected young man that both scouts and adults look to as an example.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tami Rey, Chair Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, do hereby honor Elijah James Stocker of Boy Scout Troop 244 on his achievement of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Kalamazoo, Michigan to be affixed this 4th day of June, 2024.

Adopted June 4, 2024

Moved Morales

Seconded Heppler

Carried

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): DeLeeuw, Grisler, Heppler, Mazer, Morales, Rey, Strebs, Taylor; No (0): None; Abstains (0): None; Absent (0): None

Tami Rey

Tami Rey, Chair
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at the meeting held on June 4, 2024. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto affixed by signature this 4th Day of June 2024.

Meredith Place

Meredith Place
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

