

PROCLAMATION HONORING 100 YEARS OF BOY SCOUTS IN BUCHANAN

WHEREAS, the City of Buchanan is proud to recognize and honor the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts in Buchanan, a remarkable milestone representing a century of service, leadership, character, and commitment to the youth and families of our community; and

WHEREAS, Scouting in Buchanan began with Troop 1 from 1926 to 1928, continued through Troop 41 from 1929 to 1972, and has carried forward through Troop 541 from 1973 to the present day, creating a lasting legacy that has connected generations of Buchanan residents through a shared commitment to citizenship, service, and community; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years, Buchanan Scouts have helped shape young people into leaders, neighbors, volunteers, public servants, parents, mentors, and citizens who understand the value of responsibility, teamwork, preparedness, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, the impact of Scouting in Buchanan can be seen not only in the lives of the youth who have worn the uniform, but also in the families, leaders, volunteers, churches, civic organizations, and community members who have supported the program and helped keep it strong across changing times; and

WHEREAS, Troop 41 and later Troop 541 have been a constant presence in the Buchanan community, serving countless youth and participating in many community efforts, including recycling newspapers, assisting Redbud Area Ministries, supporting improvements along the McCoy Creek Trail, and participating in numerous projects that have benefited the public good; and

WHEREAS, over the past century, more than 100 Scouts from Buchanan have attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest achievement in Scouting, leaving behind projects and examples of leadership that continue to serve and inspire the community; and

WHEREAS, Troop 541 is recognized as one of the longest continuously serving troops in the LaSalle Council, a distinction that speaks to the dedication of its Scouts, Scoutmasters, families, volunteers, and supporters who have sustained Scouting in Buchanan for an entire century; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, as Buchanan celebrates 100 years of local Scouting, our nation also marks the 250th anniversary of the United States of America, a historic moment

that calls us to reflect on the ideals of citizenship, service, courage, volunteerism, and responsibility that have helped define the American experience; and

WHEREAS, the story of Scouting in Buchanan is part of that larger American story, showing how national ideals are lived out at the local level by young people learning to serve their neighbors, care for their community, respect the outdoors, lead with integrity, and give back in meaningful ways; and

WHEREAS, as America looks back on 250 years of independence and civic life, Buchanan proudly recognizes that institutions such as Scouting have helped carry the values of service, patriotism, leadership, and community from one generation to the next; and

WHEREAS, the City of Buchanan extends its sincere appreciation to all Scouts, Eagle Scouts, Scoutmasters, volunteers, parents, families, alumni, and supporters who have contributed to 100 years of Boy Scouts in Buchanan and helped build a legacy worthy of recognition and celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Commission of the City of Buchanan hereby honors and recognizes 100 years of Boy Scouts in Buchanan and congratulates Scouts BSA Troop 541 on this historic anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City of Buchanan celebrates the generations of young people whose lives have been shaped by Scouting, recognizes the lasting contributions of Troop 1, Troop 41, and Troop 541, and encourages all residents to join in honoring this proud legacy of leadership, service, citizenship, and community commitment.

PROCLAIMED this ___ day of _____, 2026.