

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING THE STAMFORD BSA TROOP 11  
ON ITS 1921-2021 CENTENNIAL**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Scouting movement began on February 8, 1910, and scouting began in Stamford two years later on March 22, 1912, with the first troop, formed at St. John's Episcopal Church, known as Troop 5; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 1917 a committee of leading citizens and scouters met in the to coordinate scouting in Stamford and Darien and by June the Stamford Council, Boy Scouts of America had been formed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stamford Council became involved in the war relief effort and by the end of World War I had raised more than \$1,200.000; and

**WHEREAS**, Troop 11 was organized in October 1921 by a scoutmaster named W.A. Lilly, initially meeting in a Baptist Church, and

**WHEREAS**, Troop 11, which admits all children, currently boasts a high percentage of Eagle scouts, with hundreds of hours of community service performed each year through projects performed for local camps, charities, and the Stamford Nature Center, the most notable of whom was Navy SEAL officer Brian Bill, who was killed in August 2011 with other service members while fighting in Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, Troop 11 is guided by a group of committed and dedicated adult leaders, including John Clapps as Scoutmaster, resulting in its highest participation rate in decades.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives congratulates Troop 11 on its Centennial celebration, and commends its leadership and members on their service to the City of Stamford.

Approved by the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022

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Jeff Curtis, President

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Megan Cottrell, Clerk