



City of St. Charles
ILLINOIS

Proclamation

MATTHEW ALLEN GERKE

WHEREAS, **MATTHEW GERKE** joined Pack 150, Wasco Elementary School as a Bear Scout in 2004 and advanced through Cub Scouts till he earned his Arrow of Light Award and crossed over into Boy Scout Troop 1 in 2007. He advanced through the Boy Scout ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life Scout; and

WHEREAS, **MATTHEW GERKE** earned a total of 36 merit badges along with the World Conservation Award and the rare National Outdoors Award Camping Segment and Adventure Segment and received an Okpik certification for cold weather camping. While in Boy Scouts he served in several leadership roles including OA representative, Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He was tapped into the Order of the Arrow in 2010 and was honored with brotherhood in 2013. He has served on the Camp Freeland Leslie staff as the C.O.P.E. Assistant and is due back next season as the Assistant Ranger. Over the years he has participated in many camping trips, summer camps and High Adventures to Alaska (White Water Rafting), Minnesota Boundary Waters (Canoeing), and Isle Royale (Hiking), earning a 50-Miler award during each trip.

WHEREAS, Matthew's Eagle Project benefitted Good Templar Park in Geneva, IL with help from scouts and leaders from his troop he assembled, placed and painted a combination information kiosk booth and bench. It was placed in front of the IOGT History Center for both daily use and as a key site for information during festivals such as Swedish days.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby proclaim the highest congratulations are in order as **MATTHEW ALLEN GERKE** has worked very diligently to attain the highest honor of **EAGLE SCOUT!**

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Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor