

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING GIRL SCOUT TROOP #2009 AND THE HURON VALLEY GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL ON THEIR EFFORTS TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF READING AS A LIFE SKILL AND SUPPORTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GIRL SCOUT READING BADGE

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners adopted Guiding Principle #6 calls for policy and program that focus on “root causes” of problems, and encourages aggressive pursuit of prevention strategies; and

WHEREAS, illiteracy is a problem that inhibits personal development and economic well being; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scout Troup #2009 in Salem Township and the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council are seeking to establish a Reading Badge at the Brownie Scout level on a national basis to promote reading for both personal development and pleasure; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Library for the Blind & Physically Disabled encourages young library consumers to meet and interact with other children by participating in summer reading programs hosted at local public libraries; and

WHEREAS, all public libraries throughout Washtenaw County are committed to fostering reading for young readers by sponsoring special programs dedicated specifically to youth and reading, such as story times, writing workshops, after school reading clubs, summer reading programs; and

WHEREAS, the Baby Book Club, founded in 1991 to help parents understand the value of reading to young children; and to ensure that all children of Washtenaw County have an equal opportunity to develop a love of reading by providing free books and information and sharing their beliefs in the value of early reading; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Programs provide positive youth development opportunities that help young people gain the skills and knowledge they need to be successful, including tutoring, mentoring, community-based clubs, and school-based programs that target subject matter including literacy, communication arts and writing; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw Literacy sponsors “Season’s Readings” each year, a book drive wherein community members donate over 3,000 books to distribute through community agencies to low-income children who might not otherwise receive books at the holidays; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners commends Girl Scout Troup #2009 and the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council on their efforts on their

efforts to recognize the importance of reading as a life enhancing skill

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners encourages the National Girl Scout organization to establish a Reading Badge