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**Central MA Boy Scouts announce new Executive Director**

Worcester, MA. September 19, 2018 – Heart of New England Council, a local subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of America, has appointed its first Executive Director (Scout Executive). Todd Lamison joins the Council after a successful career with the Mississippi Valley Council in Quincy, Illinois. He will join HNE Council effective November 1, 2018.

Mr. Lamison began his Scouting career in Patriots Path Council in New Jersey where he served as a District Executive, Senior District Executive, District Director and Field Director. He went on to serve as Assistant Scout Executive in Jersey Shore Council before advancing to Scout Executive in Mississippi Valley Council. He brings with him a track record of membership and financial growth, and experience in managing multiple camp properties.

For the last several years, including through a merger process, Scouting in Central MA has benefitted from the experience and guidance of two exceptional Scouting professionals, Jeff Hotchkiss and Gary Savignano. The Council Executive Board is grateful to both of them for the support they have provided. They leave a legacy of six years of membership growth and some of the highest retention in the nation, a revitalized Treasure Valley Scout Reservation in Rutland, and a staff team positioned for success.

Spurred through a desire to combine resources to better serve the communities of Central Massachusetts, the Heart of New England Council, Inc. was formed in late 2018 through the merger of Mohegan Council, Inc. and Nashua Valley Council, Inc.

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The two former councils have a rich tradition and long history of service to the young people of the Commonwealth. The new Council will continue building upon this century old tradition.

Information about the council merger can be found at [www.CentralMAScouting.org](http://www.CentralMAScouting.org). A new council website will be launched by the end of 2018.

The Boy Scouts of America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared. For Life.®" The Scouting organization is composed of nearly 2.3 million youth members between the ages of 7 and 21 and approximately 960,000 volunteers in local councils throughout the United States and its territories.

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