



Proclamation: Girl Scouts of the USA celebrates 100 Year Anniversary

WHEREAS, on March 12, 1912, the first Girl Scout meeting was held in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, this first meeting was led by Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts of the USA, after visiting the founders of both Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in England; and,

WHEREAS, since this first meeting more than 50 million girls have participated in the Girl Scout movement during their childhood; and that number continues to grow as Girl Scouts of the USA continues to inspire, challenge and empower girls everywhere; and,

WHEREAS, there are nearly 87,000 girl and 24,000 adult current members in Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana council and 3.2 million members in the USA; and,

WHEREAS, through its membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a worldwide family of 10 million girls and adults in 145 countries; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is the largest, longest-running and most effective leadership program for girls in the nation, and the world; and,

WHEREAS, 69 percent of current women US Senators and 65 percent of women in the House of Representatives were Girl Scouts as girls; and,

WHEREAS, 55 percent of all women astronauts are former Girl Scouts, and former Girl Scouts have flown in more than one-third of all space shuttle missions; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 80 percent of women business executives and business owners were once Girl Scouts; and,

WHEREAS, countless women educators, scientists, and women in the media and performing arts discovered their passions and talents as Girl Scouts; and,

WHEREAS, 64 percent of today's female leaders listed in Who's Who of American Women in the United States were once Girl Scouts; and,

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts in the 1900s developed the same core values while learning housekeeping and forestry badges as girls today learn while earning computer technology and financial literacy; and,

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts develops girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place in accordance with its mission; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we are proud to join Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana and proclaim March 12, 2012, the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA.